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Band: Heroes Of Vallentor (S)

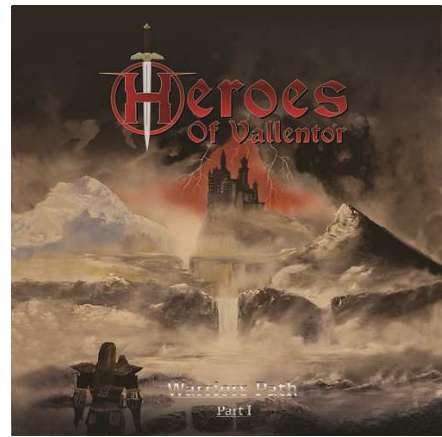
Genre: Epic Heavy Metal

Label: Inverse Records

Albumtitle: The Warriors Path Part 1

Duration: 54:15

Releasedate: 10.10.2014



After two demos in 2005, the Scandinavians now finally forge their debut album called "The Warriors Path Part 1", which will be released by Inverse Records.

A hero, Gods, battles, glory and honor are promised to be thematised. The intro of the disc sheds light on that through a short narrative form and it's accompanied with sonorous synths.

Pretty natural kept sound urges me with the first song, which is nevertheless expressively reminding of old Heavy Metal productions out of the 80thies and pours on the charm thereby.

Regarding the music a mixture of traditional and epic heavy metal is offered. Nothing new, but extremely playful and somewhat more refreshing to many other releases these days.

Forceful, urging drums blow up in my face and they are complemented by beautifully playful old school guitar riffs. Classical steel, which Manowar don't accomplish since a long time ago. Regarding the voice, it's chanted with a slightly rough but clear voice. Partly polyphonic singing is used; the songs are getting more catchy and multi-faceted this way. Occasional screams by frontman Lars also appear now and then, especially within "Lord Of Fire" and "We Will Fight For Courage". Great work!

Superb guitarplay is repeatedly offered by the guitar section, especially within the solos. It's noticeable that true admirers of the older metal generation are at work here.

Occasional, but always fitting and subtle, a keyboard is interspersed. However, it serves only as a support for the mood and it doesn't let the band seem kitschy or jazzy, as one always immediately recollects to the true steel.

With "The Forlorn Watchman" the guys also succeeded in creating a gorgeous, instrumental interlude. Dreamy and full of emotions the guitar play is presented here.

No fill-ins and not even one middle class song can be found on the disc! Heroic, epic and forceful compositions through and through!

Conclusion:

The swedish group achieves to reawake the spirit of the former Heavy Metal and enqueues neatly within a nearly epic corner such as Manilla Road and Brocas Helm. A really true, classical heavy metal album without musically overloaded kitsch and bombast of keyboard. I'd wish some of my old heroes would still celebrate such music ! In my oppinion almost a little masterpiece.

Rating: 9,5/10

Recommendations: Lord Of Fire, We Will Fight With Courage, The Sword Of Heroes

Weblink: <http://www.vallentor.com> , <https://www.facebook.com/heroesofvallentor>

LineUp:

Lars Sköldmark – Vocals/Guitars
Calle Sundberg - Guitars
Björn Sköldmark - Bass
Emil Ruthström-Sandin - Drums

Tracklist:

01. The Quest
02. Warriors Path
03. The Questing Knights Vow
04. Lord Of Fire
05. Vengeance
06. Knights Of Death
07. Hawktalon
08. The Forlorn Watchman
09. Lawgiver
10. We Will Fight With Courage
11. The Sword Of Heroes

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