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Band: Pestilential Shadows (AUS)

Genre: Black Metal

Label: Seance Records

Albumtitle: Ephemeral

Duration: 43:48

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Just in time to the beginning of the cold season, at least in Europe, the Australian black metalheads of Pestilential Shadows deliver us their already fifth disc, which is called "Ephemeral" and which will satisfy at least the traditionalists within the black metal – scene.

The album starts of with an intro that makes clear one deals with traditional and atmospheric black metal hereby and it gets the listener into the right mood for the album.

Within "Mill of Discord" the fitting listener gets right what he wishes for. A thin, foggy production which does not sound over- or under-produced but pleasantly authentic.

Blastbeats, typical tremolo-riffing and finely used keyboards, which serve only the purpose of accompaniment of the sinister mood, mustn't be missed here as well as the, for black metal characteristic, with reverberation supported croaky singing.

But that's exactly the crux of the matter. Traditional black metal bands are often in danger of sounding too much like a copy of old genre-masterpieces. Unfortunately Pestilential Shadows cannot absolve themselves completely of this as well. Solely the songs "Sorrow of Tongues" and "Hymn of Isolation and Suicide" form an exception and remain for longer.

Conclusion:

"Ephemeral" became a good audible black metal album, which offers everything what's expected by the suitable listener, but nothing more. Seen from the perspective that bands such as Stilla showed impressively how to play traditional black metal and put their stamp on it even today, this album is a little bit pitiful as the potential would certainly be there.

Rating: 6,5/10

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Lineup:

Wraith - Bass, Ambience

Balam - Guitar, Vocals

Somnus - Guitars

Tracklist:

01. Throes
02. Mill of Discord
03. Fragments
04. Sorrow of Tongues
05. Ephemeral
06. Hymn of Isolation and Suicide
07. Expire

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