

# Metal Only

**Das einzig WAHRE Metalradio im Netz!**

Band: Quartered (CDN)

Genre: Progressive/Alternative Metal

Label: Release single-handedly

Albumtitle: Eyes And Ears

Duration: 34:07

Releasedate: 07.10.2014



Progressive metalheads with an album of just 34 minutes of duration!? With it's still 8 songs, one would actually await somewhat about one hour. But okay, obviously the Canadians think otherwise and release their second album "Eyes And Ears" in the beginning of october with a duration of just half an hour.

The ingredients of the quartet from Surray (British Columbia) are not just limited to dodgy hooklines and nested song structures, like they are common in progressive rock/metal. No, alternative rock elements are integrated here as well as aggressive core-heavy vocals and partially death metal-like drums .

While the beginning of the album is focussing on the heavy and sick sounds with "Violent Love" offering the hardest fare, the middle part is continuing with a more alternative touch. Songs such as "Speak Of The Devil" and "She Sees Colour" are calm and captivating with fine harmonies which never lose their progressive character however. Concerning the vocals, Greg is working really well with his voice, which is coming along very emotional and able to satisfy within the calm parts as well as within the aggressive moments that arise at the end of the two indicated songs.

The supposedly most quiet song "Echoes" initially reminds of Snow Patrol, knows how to touch the listener emotionally and picks also up in the end with hardness and concludes into an core-heavy scream. Cool work!

The final round is fired with "Ricochet", which is stylistically reminding a bit of Killswitch Engage, however in a progressive form. This song unites all that is constituting for Quartered. It is even cool how they are finally phasing out the song. It conveys the feeling of listening to an old disk record, as the song is highlighted with a sample of a record player.

Production and mix are suitable and as variable as the music. One is leaving it a bit unclean at the right moments for ensuring an additional note dependent on the mood.

Conclusion:

Dodgy hooklines built from pithy riffing and fine leads, variable and partially sick drumming, a present and pressuring bass and multi-faceted vocals are forming "Eyes And Ears" to a strong album. It comes along riddled with alternative as well as core and death metal elements and satisfies with its progressive orientation in spite of its short duration. If anyone knows how to put so much stuff in such a little time, then it must be Quartered!

Rating: 8/10

Recommendations: Violent Love, Echoes, Ricochet

Weblink: <http://www.quartered.ca>, <https://www.facebook.com/quarteredband>

Lineup:

Greg Williams - Vocals  
Jeff Wang - Guitars  
Craig Rudder - Bass  
Scotty Miller - Drums

Tracklist:

01. Blink Blink Flash
02. Call Me Crazy
03. Violent Love
04. Speak Of The Devil
05. She Sees Colour
06. Take Me There Tonight
07. Echoes
08. Ricochet

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