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Band: Vanir (DK)

Genre: Viking Metal

Label: Mighty Music

Albumtitle: The Glorious Dead

Duration: 48:28

Releasedate: 20.10.2014



The Danish Vanir exists since 2009. They already released a demo, a single and two longplayer. Now the third album "The Glorious Dead" will be released. I already had the possibility to see the band on stage on a small festival this summer. Unfortunately the accepted sound has not convinced as it had been mixed too mushy and throbbing in my ears. Well, let us hear the current album. Maybe I can get a better overall view.

The album provides consistently well-structured Death Metal that is highlighted with bagpipe melodies. It is newly and vitalising at the beginning, but it annoys a little bit in the further process of the album as the instrument is too dominant. Surely, it is a matter of taste.

Apart from that the listener gets low tuned guitars and hammering drums as typical for this genre. The voice is mostly growling to baying. Unfortunately I miss a bit polyphonic singings as these would spice up the songs. Also the idea of the compositions fires only in some cases. One wishes a little more additional atmosphere for Viking Metal.

For sure, it is good Death Metal that is powerful and impulsive but in some songs there is a lack of definite refrains and melodies that are catchy. The whole thing seems very compact and solid in its structure what is really convincing for pure and melodically Death Metal. Slowly and speedy parts are mixed up and have a smooth crossover.

The guys understand their musicianship and can thrill with the exploitation of some songs like "Fall Of The Eagle" or "March Of the Giants". The last one is my personal highlight of the album because the axe-guys may also play a solo which otherwise only the bagpipe does and as a result they get the short end of the stick.

Conclusion:

It is an ordinary opus as they offer a Death Metal album with militant lyrics in a musical sense. The aspect of Viking Metal is justified by bagpipe and lyrics. It is nice for in between but it is a bit too lengthy in the long run with too many stakes of death rays. Those who can imagine Amon Amarth with bagpipe should listen in here.

Rating: 6,5/10

Recommendations: March Of The Giants, The Glorious Dead, The Flames Of Lindisfarne

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LineUp:

Martin Holmsgaard Håkan – Vocals

Lasse Guldbæk – Lead Guitars

Phillip Kaaber - Rhythm Guitars

Sara Oddershede - Bagpipes

Lars Bundvad - Bass

Daniel "Luske" Kronskov - Drums

Tracklist:

01. Fall Of The Eagle
02. March Of The Giants
03. Written in Blood
04. The Glorious Dead
05. I Valkyriernes Skød
06. Overlord
07. The Flames Of Lindisfarne
08. Blood Sacrifice
09. God Emperor

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