

Metal Only

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Band: Gunfire (I)

Genre: Power Metal

Label: Jolly Roger Records

Albumtitle: Age Of Supremacy

Duration: 67:52

Releasedate: 08.09.2014



The Italiens Gunfire already existed in Metal history. First founded in 1983, the band released an EP named "Gunfire" in 1984 before they took leave of the metal world for now in 1986. They got together in 2000 again and released the album "Thunder Of War" in 2005.

Now, 9 years later, the second longplayer, which is a concept album, follows. This concept is about a group of humans who leaved the world 1000 years ago and these have been split in two different cultures. A massive misunderstanding led to war. There is no good against evil in this story but rather it is a question of incorrect or missing communication which can lead to distress and miseries.

The whole thing is rather dressed in soft metal robe and starts after a short intro with the opener "War Extrem" with lots of Manowar-Flair mixed with a little bit US Power Metal. However, the focus of music leads on afterwards to Avantasia, Hammerfall and company. In other words, there are gobs of melodies, good riffs and exactly working musicians. But it doesn't get beyond a certain degree of hardness.

The songs, some of which have excess length were beefed up with choirs, female vocals and discreet used keyboards. Each musician is a master of his instrument and they don't become lost in ineffable neoclassical tootling frenzy, for which Italy is well known. The singer has a enjoyable and bright voice timbre and masters his repertoire without problems.

The songs are produced in a good way but they aren't enough arranged tense to attract until the end. Randomness creeps in now and then. Specifically in the songs with more than 7 minutes it is hard to keep the attention. Of course the fault lies in the concept which should be represented by the songs. I doubt one can realize it without any background knowledge. Therefore the structure and musically orientation within the songs closely resemble. If this claim must not be answered, the album can be listened really well. Sure enough, each heart of a metalhead is satisfied with filigree playings like in "Fire In The Sky" or powerful changes in speed in the last song "Exodus".

Conclusion:

It is a fairly Metal album with slightly weakness in song writing and partly too long songs. One who likes classical Metal with some excursions towards bombast can't do wrong with this.

Rating: 7/10

Recommandations: Man And Machine, Hammer Of God

Weblink: <http://www.gunfire.it>

Lineup:

Roberto "Drake" Borrelli - Vocals
Luca Calo – Guitars
Marcello Lammoglia – Guitars
Michele Mengoni – Bass
Marco Bianchella - Drums

Tracklist:

01. Prelude
02. War Extreme
03. Man And Machine
04. The City Of Light
05. Hammer Of God
06. Voices From A Distant Sun
07. The Wizard
08. Superior Mind
09. Fire In The Sky
10. Exodus

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