

# Metal Only

**Das einzig WAHRE Metalradio im Netz!**

Band: Laika (CDN)  
Genre: Melodic Death Metal  
Label: Filth Regime Records  
Album Titel: Somnia  
Duration: 42:12  
Releasedate: 30.09.2014



Laika from Canada are named after the dog the Russians brought to space as the first living being. As they would also have also insane ideas like shooting a dog into space and they wanted to create an insane sound, they decided to use this name. So the name just seemed to fit.

But the things didn't go as they planned, so Melodic Death Metal with a big recall value was created so it is possible to speak about a great individuality.

The album begins with a little bit atmospheric piano intro, but straight after that "Escalation Of Terror" shows where the travel will head to. The orientation to Melodic Death Metal is only a rough direction, because everything is getting very brutal. From time to time the melodic site reveals very clearly, but mostly this is pushed into the background by heavy Death Metal riffs and pounding drums. Sometimes this mediates an impression of intended chaos. And on the other side some songs become a progressive touch, especially the last one "Invaders". Also the synthesizer is being used very subtle and without the intro you wouldn't hear it during the first listening. The vocals are throughout only Death Metal shouts and they waive of any clear vocals and growls. Overall this wouldn't fit to the album.

The songs of the record are arranged very varied and besides of the similar structure it wouldn't be recognized during the first listening.

And of course the Death Metal is not reinvented here, but the more you listen to the album you will recognize more and more details which makes this record very different to all the other ones which are more like a copy of a popular band.

But the production could have been worked a little bit cleaner, because for such a record you want a sound where you can hear all the details besides any dark charm, power and so on.

And the overall acoustic pattern have a little bit too much bass which brings my subwoofer to the limit even with a more middle tuning.

Conclusion:

Strong Death Metal riffs which are going in the US Death direction, great drums, a present bass but also fine leads and solos you will hear. Everything nice arranged and processed into pounding Death Metal songs makes this album to a worthwhile buy for the personal Death Metal collection. Despite the minus points for the sound and mixing you will get a great record with a recommendation to buy.

Rating: 8/10

Recommendations: Escalation Of Terror, Fidelity, Invaders

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Lineup:

Jordan Dorge – Vocals  
Ian Garraway – Guitars  
Alex Kling - Guitars  
Mike Mason – Bass  
Steve Tedham – Synth  
Blair Garraway – Drums

Tracklist:

01. Restless Mind(Intro)
02. Escalation Of Terror
03. Somnia
04. Fidelity
05. Caligae A Galea
06. Dream Of Nothing
07. The Immortal
08. Predictions (Tide Bearer)
09. Invaders

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