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Band: Woodtemple (A)
Genre: Pagan Black Metal
Label: Sacrilege Records
Albumtitle: Forgotten Pride
Duration: 31:03
Releasedate: 30.09.14



The since 1998 existing Woodtemple from our neighboring country Austria, publish their fifth studio work "Forgotten Pride" by the end of september. This band is more or less a solo project of the artist Aramath.

Since I own the release from 2004 "The Call From The Pagan Woods" myself, I was excited for the new work of Woodtemple, now ten years later. Especially beautiful is the A5 digipack edition, which is limited on 500, with appearing 12-page-booklet. Such layouts I find especially fancy.

After a two minutes lasting musically introduction, the album already gets started with the first track. Melodic, pagan black metal is offered hereby. Majestic, with choirs underlaid keyboard-sounds mix with rough guitar sound and scolding voice. The whole mood comes across mainly easygoing without seeming dull or sluggish, however. But now and then, just as within the track "Sign Of The Sun", pace is gathered and its getting forward quite impelling. Although all tracks on the disc are pretty long, the effort made to let them get varied and atmospheric is visible. Changes of the bar and accents placing rhythm as well as short spranklings of clear voice are responsible for this. "Eternal Silence" is a short, only acoustic track, which puts forward with a clear guitar before the "outro" of the disc closes up.

In my opinion this release is for delightful dreaming. Despite of the rough basic instrumentalization, which is certainly rich of black metal, the "atmosphere-keyboard" delivers plenty of depth and a bit severity. For sure this is no music which lets one get incited or going like a train, but it's a world of sound which touches differently and takes ones fancy.

Conclusion:

Despite the above mentioned effort, I would have wished for more variety. Maybe shorter tracks, but more of them, as if you subtract intro, outro and instrumental, there are finally only whole three tracks on the disc. Nevertheless I rate the technical side and the basic concept as positive and well thought out. If you prefer more quiet and atmospheric black metal, you're served well here.

Rating: 7/10

Recommendations: Forgotten Pride, Sign Of The Sun, Eternal Silence

Weblink:

<http://www.official-woodtemple.com>

LineUp:

Aramath - Vocals, Guitars, Bass, Keyboards/Programming

Tracklist:

01. Intro
02. Forgotten Pride
03. Sign of the Sun
04. So Far Away
05. Eternal Silence
06. Outro

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