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Band: HoaxBane (D)

Genre: Black Metal/Extreme Metal

Label: Mighty Music

Albumtitle: Messengers Of Change

Duration: 38:00

Releasedate: 27.11.2015



I had not recognized it until I was writing down the line up for preparing the review. They do not have a drummer with real drums but 'programming'. But to be honest, I did not realize it while listening to the album. What is finally one more evidence that a (properly and well programmed) drum computer is no reason for rejecting a band a priori.

Whether HoaxBane rather have a project character or whether the pair consisting of Misanthrop and Tantrum Mezcalar goes more in the direction of a band, is actually irrelevant as long as there is good music to be heard.

And on this debut album it is definitely. The opening song "Messengers Of Change" surprises with melodically hard Black Metal. Acts like Naglfar or Dissection are instantly entering my head. "Bloodshed" is almost becoming a plagiarism of Immortal (at their "At The Heart Of Winter" phase). While listening for the first time, I thought it was a cover version.

In the further course the band is always turning back to Immortal, which is however not negative in the overall context. Because also other elements, especially Swedish Black Metal like Lord Belial, Dark Funeral or the even mentioned Immortal can be located on the album.

From time to time I have to think of Gates Of Ishtar. Which indeed goes more in a Death Metal direction but also shows the many-sidedness of HoaxBane.

As a native speaker I am especially pleased to hear that the duo from Berlin also uses the German language. This makes the music more interesting by one aspect. Particularly as the vocals are really well understandable at times, an interaction between screaming and deeper guttural vocals.

Conclusion:

Black Metal that strongly orientates itself on Sweden at the middle of the nineties, which is not the worst idea as I have to say. Sound and instrumental skills as well as the song writing are on a really acceptable level for a debut album, so that "Messengers Of Change" can definitely be recommended to the inclined listeners.

Rating 7,5/10

Recommendations: Messengers Of Change, Diagnose: Wahnsinn

Weblink: <http://www.hoaxbane.com/> , <https://www.facebook.com/Hoaxbane/>

Lineup:

Misanthrop - Vocals

Tantrum Mezcalar - Guitars, Bass & Programming

Tracklist:

01. Messengers Of Change
02. Bloodshed
03. Diagnose: Wahnsinn
04. Element Of Truth
05. Erotic Asphyxiation
06. Asylum Of Faith
07. Welcoming Pain
08. Secrets Of My Cravings
09. Versager Der Evolution

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