

Metal Only

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Band: Dragonheart (BR)

Genre: Power Metal

Label: Pitch Black Records

Albumtitel: The Battle Sanctuary

Duration: 56:16

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The Brazilian Power Metal Band exists since 1997 and delivers now its fourth album. The epic opener kicks it directly into the high gear. "Far From Heaven...Close To Hell" has everything that is needed for good Power Metal aware of tradition to delight the listeners. The two voices lay on a good variety as they act as a duet between Helloween's Michael Kiske and Grave Digger's Chris Boltendahl. They are delivered in addition to great uptempo riffs and lashing drumming. Furthermore, there is a catchy and well arranged chorus that stick in one's memory. Well, the perfect opener is ready and whet the appetite for the rest of the album. It is surprisingly successful.

The second song "Black Shadow" goes immediately about it in the dragging midtempo range. It also has a great chorus in addition to a genius True Metal riff that stirs my blood. However, it is just the "un-perfect" that stands out with the production positively in a small way. If, e.g., the voice in the great song "Battle Lines" goes under due to the riffs, it disrupts only limited. Somehow this makes the band more authentic.

Simply fantastic inspired by classical Oldschool Heavy Metal, that it the sound of the band. It is extremely catchy and animates the listener to joining in singing and raising the fist into the sky. In short: Metal, that is a pleasure for me. But those who now think that it is another boring copy of other bands, is highly wrong, because there are a lot of influences. They offer a wide range of diversity from doomy to Maiden-like Twin Leads. The obligatory fantasy ballad is also represented by the song "Marching Under The Stars" that is slightly folkly. It creates a special atmosphere by a kind of own, unique sound and great choirs. I like it in a strange way.

However, one must criticize exactly what I like. This is because not everyone can deal with this type of sound. Sometimes a vocal line is out of place. I like it precisely therefore that it doesn't sound like a perfect high polished production as sometimes released by Major Labels. Dragonheart is a band with a mind of his own and just this makes the band interesting for me.

Conclusion:

Fans of traditional, slightly hymnal and heroic Power Metal are right here. There is enough diversity, enough to bang but also epic and quiet moments. It is extremely catchy. In this way True Metal is fucking enjoyable!

Rating: 9/10

Recommendations: Far From Heaven... Close To Hell, Battle Lines, Marching Under The Stars

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LineUp:

Marco Caporasso - Vocals and Guitars

André Mendes - Vocals and Guitars/Keyboards

Mauricio Taborda - Vocals and Bass

Thiago Mussi – Drums

Tracklist:

01. Far From Heaven...Close to Hell
02. Black Shadow
03. The Arcane's Palace
04. Inside the Enemy's Mind
05. Forged in Metal
06. Battle Lines
07. Marching Under the Stars
08. Circle of One
09. Kill the Leader
10. The Battle Sanctuary
11. Time Will Tell

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