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Band: Waken Eyes (International)

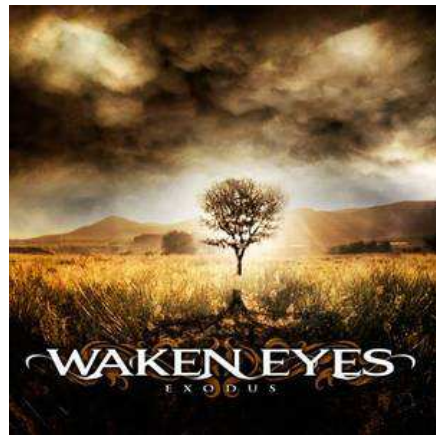
Genre: Progressive Metal

Label: Ulterium Records

Album Titel: Cognition

Duration: 78:03

Releasedate: 30.10.2015



Waken Eyes is a progressive metal project founded by Tom Frelek. This project also consists of known faces as for example Marco Minnemann (Steven Wilson etc.) and Mike Lepond (Symphony X) who recorded their instruments for this album.

This first album is entitled Cognition and sets a high level for a debut record. Regarding either instruments or vocals, the band knows how to intrigue their listeners and how to catch them in their songs. But not only the guitars, also some virtuoso keyboard playing is shaping the sound of Waken Eyes.

The record starts a little bit long-winded and gives us the feeling of something that needs to be heard in its entirety. With a good production, the record consists of ten tracks which stand out with melodies and progressive bar changes. The last track entitled "Exodus" forms an epic ending of a work which features a lot of climaxes.

Overall, this band reminds one of a mix of Opeth and Haken. Most songs are not unnecessarily stretched as it is known from prog metal bands. The length of the songs is most not too long, so that no classical recipient will be exhausted. The only exception is, of course, the last track of this record but also this track knows how to intrigue with its catchiness and serves a lot of fun.

Conclusion:

Cognition is a good album which will bring a lot of fun to fans of the melodic progressive metal - fraction. It doesn't matter if soli, singalong-parts or heavy riffing, there is way more behind it which comes into it's own quite well.

Rating: 8,5/10

Recommendations: Arise, Exodus

Weblink: <https://www.facebook.com/wakeneyes>

Lineup:

Marco Minnemann - Drums

Mike Lepond - Bass

Tom Frelek - Guitar

Henrik Bath - Vocals

Tracklist:

01. Cognition
02. Abberation
03. Deafening Thoughts
04. Back To Life
05. Palisades
06. Cornerstone Away
07. Still Life
08. Arise
09. Across The Horizon
10. Exodus

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