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Band: HellHikers (N)

Genre: Hard Rock / Rock 'n' Roll

Label: Mighty Music

Album Titel: Death Rattle And Roll

Duration: 33:01

Releasedate: 15.04.2016



The Scandinavian HellHikers were already founded in 2003. Now, thirteen years later their third output and thereby the second fulllength album is going to be published under the name of "Death Rattle And Roll". Intrigued by the title and their self-proclaimed "HellPönkRöck", I volunteered to review this disc. A mixture of several impressions such as Misfits, Ramones and Motörhead are touted. I am curious whether the disc can keep the promise the leaflet made. The expressive titles sound also quite promising.

A distorted bass, just like he was played by Lemmy, reaches my ears in the first place. Added are perfectly sawing guitar riffs and crispy drums. Furthermore they are joined by the rough and expressive voice of the singer. This mixture produces the sound of HellHikers and stays throughout the entire album. Witty melodies and catchy choruses can often be found here.

In some places the song slides off in a very melodic corner of the rock genre, which comes along groovy and punky all the time without losing its bite. That can be heard quite good within the chorus of "Choke" for example. In "Blood Bound" I get the feeling the track is sung by Glenn Danzig now and then, which is a good thing. Regarding the voice there is a certain similarity for sure. When it comes to the grooving parts, the almost slightly rockabilly-like element of the guys comes into play. Nevertheless, mainly the hard rock share on the disc outweighs. Especially, the classic guitar solos and riffs create this feeling quickly.

In a few moments and passages, however, the music is unfortunately a little too slow and soft for my liking. The last spark for calling it a top album won't come across. I like modern bands like Crossplane, The New Roses, etc. more. Regarding the emotions, I think of the album as raw and gritty in general starting from the track "Blood Bound", which is positive.

Conclusion:

All in all it is a good mix of dirty hard rock ascended with punky sprinklings. The album has a lot of good moments and is full of enthusiasm and great mood. Parallels to a mixture of Misfits, Ramones and Motörhead are here certainly no coincidence and are to be named as musical role models of the Scandinavian. HellHikers can amaze me with several of their songs, even if not all the pieces are mind-blowing. Potential is definitely to be found withing the band and thus Sex, Booze and rock and roll is here guaranteed!

Rating: 7,5/10

Recommendations: Alcotruck, Devil Rides Out, Drink Up

Weblink: <http://www.facebook.com/hellhikers>

LineUp:

Rolf Royce - Vocals
Roy Redrum - Guitars
Per Perplex – Bass
Rex Erection - Drums

Tracklist:

01. Alcotruck
02. Death Rattle & Roll
03. Hell On Heels
04. Choke
05. Bloodbound
06. Devil Rides Out
07. Drink Up
08. Nite Stalker
09. Hellhoney

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