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Band: Neige Et Noirceur (CAN)

Genre: Ambient Black Metal

Label: Sepulchral Productions

Albumtitle: Les Ténèbres Modernes

Duration: 39:46

Releasedate: 24.06.2016



For everyone who starts reading the name of the band and directly gets his eyes turned into hearts: No, this is not Alcest's Neige involved, to anticipate that. Neige Et Noirceur is consisting of the two Canadians Zifond and Schimaera, who already release their fifth album called "Les Ténèbres Modernes".

The album turns out to be a sinister hybrid of Black Metal and spherical Ambient sounds, which continuously knows how to create and to keep a gloomy, threatening mood, one has to concede to the duo from Québec. Thematically they apply themselves to the First World War, which of course emphasizes this atmosphere. Even if it can appear really kitschy, of course, as well as the war samples and the mandatory air raid siren. According to the sound, the ten songs rumble on rather blurred and reverberating, also the drums clatter along pretty dull. Obviously this was not unintended, as it grants the album a really Oldschool-like Black Metal underground sound and therefore a quite appropriate flair. Sure, these nagging vocals of Schimaera cannot be understood by anyone.

Sometimes the songs drag along really cumbersome and at a certain point one has to admit that the song structures are kept rather simple. Static and unvarying double base drumming, guitar shredding without innovations and no musical highlights that could stay in mind after the last song ended. For me, personally, it is rather something to listen to incidentally, just like Ambient.

Fortunately for the album, some experimental tracks, that are rather similar to expressionistic sound collages than to typical song structures, are able to break up what otherwise would become a really overwhelming monotony. With dissonant piano and violin sounds that are lost in reverie, like in "La Saison Des Morts", or with the German and French recitation and gunfire in the final track "Adieux", Neige Et Noirceur can again arouse the interest of the listener and show that there is much more.

Conclusion:

"Les Ténèbres Modernes" is definitely not easy to access and will be an album for enthusiasts. The really thrilling listening experience stays away but the ones who do not shrink back from experiments within Black Metal and appreciate a bumpy Underground sound, should certainly occupy themselves with Neige Et Noirceur.

Rating: 6/10

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Lineup:

Schimaera - Vocals

Sion Daus aka Zifond - all Instruments

Tracklist:

01. Si Vis Pacem, Para Bellum
02. Battlespirit
03. Walpurgis 1917
04. La Saison Des Morts
05. La Mécanique De Lucifer
06. Post Mortem
07. Ciel D'Acier
08. Felgrau
09. Des Spectres
10. Adieux

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