

Metal Only

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Band: Fausttophel (UA)

Genre: Melodic Black Metal / Death Metal

Label: Another Side Records

Album Titel: Sancta Simplicitas

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Now and then you find bands which have been totally unnoticed by you until now. That is the way it went for me and Fausttophel from the Ukraine. They were already founded in 1999 but their debut album was released just in 2013. Unfortunately, the band history ist written in Cyrillic and not available for me but it seems there had been two deaths in the past causing a temporarily standstill of the band. However, now the guys offer "Sancta Simplicitas".

Sinisterly, the music box in the intro resounds. The morbid scenario is accompanied by Ukrainian / Russian announcements. Sadly, I don't understand the text but it seems to work as a pretty sinister introduction.

In the further course of the plate the guys mix black metallic guitar compositions with partially growly vocals in some titles and sections but it is mostly nagged classically. The accent of the language is a great aspect here. The Keyboard accompaniment has been well used for support and is not permanent in the foreground, except for some specific passages. Hereby, the folk-like mood is created. The tempo changes within the tracks are kept loose and varied. Added are harmonious solos which blend seamlessly without appearing contrived.

In "God's Place Is On The Cross" the death metal aspect of the men breaks through completely. A truly wonderful banging, short and crispy and without taking prisoners. In "The Whirl Ends Where It Began" the about seven minutes keyboard atmosphere is a bit too lengthy and redundant for me, however.

With the last track, a cover song, the Ukrainian band pays tribute to Edge Of Sanity. However, for my taste the voice could have been a bit punchier here. The recommendations represent a good insight into the versatility of the music.

Conclusion:

Powerful and formidable melodic black metal has been captured here. The guys have really great ideas and enjoy playing enormously. If your not hostile to a successful mixture of traditional and melodic Black Metal with death metal and slightly ambient-sprinklings, you should definitely listen to this disc. A great variety in the monotony of many publications.

Rating: 8,5/10

Recommendations: The World, Sick Earth, Lunar Onlooker

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LineUp:

Oleksandr "Adams" Savinykh – Vocals / Bass

Valentyn "Mau" Samokhin – Keyboard / Vocals

Volodymyr "Veyder" Aldushkin – Guitars

Vladyslav "Vlad" Ustynov - Guitars

Mykola "Domovyy" Vykhidsiv - Drums

Tracklist:

01. Wandering... Searching...
02. The Lot of Emptiness
03. The Word
04. God's Place is on the Cross
05. Sick Earth
06. The Dark Pit of Absurdity
07. The Song of the Leper
08. Lunar Onlooker
09. The Whirl Ends Where it Began
10. Black Tears (Edge Of Sanity Cover)

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