

Metal Only

Das einzig WAHRE Metalradio im Netz!

Band: Near (I)

Genre: Black Metal

Label: De Tenebrarum Principio

Albumtitle: Own Sun

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Is real True Black Metal still in? Of course, one thinks of those heroes who release a compilation every few years to revive the old times. Near also want to bring back the 90s Black Metal Flair and so they release the associated new album called "Own Sun".

As a consequence the song "Old Springs of Astral Matter" is well exaggerated. Mystical Sounds should guide one to snow-capped mountains in the North and create atmospheric cold. What then follows is pure monotony. The blast beats knocks it out to present the crawling vocals. In line with this, racing fast played riffs remind of blizzards running through the entire track. Maybe the tone pitch of the riffs now and then breaks out upwards or downwards, but that's it. It doesn't create any thrill as it rather guides one to deadly boredom.

Somehow one always thinks that nothing can really go wrong when musicians create Black Metal inspired by the 90s but for me the album isn't attractive. One cannot blame the band for the atmosphere and the flair. Overall the sound is easily rough and raw and creates some atmosphere. However, one who listens to True Black Metal or even to this album wants exactly this.

But if one deals with the musical level, there is not much to find. There is rather a lack of ideas and liveliness that makes the album even more interesting. The riffs that have been played in the first track could run through the entire album and one would not be able to realize it as the music is so monotonous arranged. Only the drums ensure some dynamic by its partial leading playing.

There is no need to deal with the individual songs as they are more or less similar, sometimes faster, sometimes slower. The monotony is clearly in the foreground and is rather boring for friends of imagination. Certainly the album creates atmosphere and one who is looking for exactly this and wants to go through the roots of Black Metal, will enjoy this album.

Conclusion: Near tries desperately to render what was cool two decades ago. Innovations or imaginations are few and far between. However, one who likes the spirit of 90s Black Metal will also like "Own Sun".

Rating: 4/10

LineUp:

F. Polnius – Vocals, Guitars

Ferghus – Bass

Fredrik – Drums

Tracklist:

01. Old Springs of Astral Matter
02. Invoking the Night
03. The Weight of Life
04. The Hidden Side of Mankind
05. The Eyes of the Ancient Trees
06. The Eternal Light of Illusion

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