



CHANCE WIESNER

"Takin' a Chance On Love"

This 11 song record starts off with a piano driven track called "Malibu" that has NOTHING to do with the Hole song of the same name & it kinda reminds me of "Fade Into You" just a tad while "Wandering One" reminds me of an obscure Doors song...overall the music is retro sounding & lo fi which is the overall charm to this record..it's NOT mainstream & will never make the band rich and that's NOT what true art is about in all honesty...this record is an expression of creativity.



DUG PINNICK

"naked"

AMAZING! That's how I'd describe Dug Pinnick's new solo record because the first song starts off heavy as hell with a killer groove & the lyrics ARE the Dug Pinnick story which...it's the sad reality that he has no insurance, never made much money yet he's traveled the world & lived his life like a rock star without any riches.

"If You Fuk Up" is my personal favorite off the record because the chorus is pure pop with a hard rock edge & I can't help but fall in love with this song...it's probably my personal favorite for 2013 in all honesty because it's just that damn good!

"Heart Attack" has a cool time signature and overall I think this entire record is kick ass from start to finish because Dug knows himself quite well & the music on this record doesn't veer too far from what Dug does well...it's hard rock with soul, a touch of blues, a few slow moments & for the most part the overall vibe is just REALLY heavy!



MERDASTER

"La Furia"

Originating from Chile this band has been around for 15 years & this is their 3rd record...my only complaint is that all of their stuff is in another language & I can't understand anything they say right down to the song titles!

Musically the band crushes & they are definitely power metal personified...the production is

really good on this cd & the guitars sound really good while the vocals retain that old school thrash metal tone & the rhythm is punchy & keeps it all together.

The only negative thing I can say about this record is the language barrier creates a little weirdness because as an American I can't tell you what any of the songs are about or even what the song titles mean.



INFECTIOUS GARAGE DISEASE

"s/t"

This cd is a compilation of material this band released over the years...the cool random fact is that on the bands original demo Kerry King from Slayer song back up vocals!

Musically the band was straight up cali-punk ala old school Suicidal Tendencies and the lyrics are comical!

I give the band credit, they put a solid package together that includes just about all of their music & the cd rom part of the disc includes 2 complete concerts, a set of demos & rehearsal footage so if you've never heard this band before this IS the definitive cd that captures what they were all about.



MARA DONIS

"Altered Tunings"

The opening track on this record "Tracks" reminds me of "Hey Jealousy" by The Gin Blossoms ever so slightly and the music on this record is pure alt rock that's kinda 90's sounding with an emphasis on solid writing, quirky tones & catchy hooks.

"Homer" has a groove that's fun, "Modern Geeks" sounds angry and "Of Dr..." is brooding and slow...that's the range of emotions on this record and as a complete body of work I give Mara Donis kudos because this record is quite excellent!



DUST

"Heart Attack * Dust"

The music on this cd is all rereleased material from the bands 2 previous releases and the music sounds dated which is to be expected. The bio states that this is the first American Heavy Metal band & I disagree because they are NOT heavy metal at all...they are great song writers, good players & actually I think their ballad "How Many Horses" is their best song because it's touching & sweet but overall the band is a hard rock unit that's sound is pure 70's with elements of The Stones, Blue Cheer...this band features a young Marky Ramone on drums just in case you didn't know & that actually is the selling point to this band in all honesty.

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