

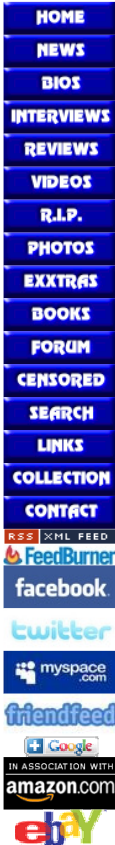


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**IGNITOR**  
**YEAR OF THE METAL TIGER**  
Released April 10, 2012 (MVD Entertainment Group)

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#### Track List:

01. Heavy Metal Holocaust
02. Beast In Black
03. Raiders From The Void
04. Shadow Of The Needle
05. Island Of The Damned
06. The Kaiser
07. We Are Ignitor

#### Band:

**Jason McMaster** - vocals  
**Stuart "Batlord" Laurence** - guitar  
**Beverly Barrington** - rhythm guitar  
**Brendon Bigelow** - bass  
**Pat Doyle** - drums

#### Production:

Mixed by **Stuart Laurence**.

#### Review:

I received a copy of Austin, Texas based **Ignitor's** debut CD *Take To The Sky* back in 2004, and it was a complete abomination -- there wasn't a memorable track on the album. At the time **Ignitor** appeared to be going for a sound that was in the vein of bands like **White Wizzard**, but singer **Erika Tandy** didn't have any charisma whatsoever and made the album a 'trying' listening experience.

Fast forward to 2012, where the band is now fronted by veteran vocalist **Jason McMaster**. While most rock/metal fans recall **McMaster** from his sleazy, hard rocking days in **Dangerous Toys** and current **AC/DC** flavored project **Broken Teeth**, many forget that he can also sing metal -- like he did in **Watchtower**. Once **Tandy** was ousted, **Ignitor** wasted no time in enlisting **McMaster** and righting the ship with 2009's *The Spider Queen*, and while the album didn't reach the masses, those that heard it had very favorable things to say about the new line-up and the material within.

**Ignitor** have just unleashed the follow-up to *The Spider Queen* -- *The Year Of The Metal Tiger*. While the album's title will send the 'cheese-meter' spiking, the music picks up right where the last effort left off. For those that have never heard **Ignitor** since **McMaster** took over on vocals, the band has gone from a 'bland' power-metal group to a heavily **Judas Priest** influenced machine. **McMaster's** vocals are an ear shattering, powerful falsetto that will have you asking "why hasn't he been doing stuff like this all along?" Meanwhile the guitar team of **Stuart Laurence** and **Beverly Barrington** complement one another brilliantly -- one holds down the fort with grinding rhythm guitar while the other swoops in with blistering leads. My personal favorites on this seven song album are "The Kaiser", "Heavy Metal Holocaust", and "Shadow Of The Needle".

If you're into classic heavy metal of the New Wave Of British Heavy Metal variety, then **Ignitor's** latest effort this will be to your liking.

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Reviewed by Ruben Modqueda for [Sleaze Roxx](http://Sleaze Roxx), April 2012

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