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Ignitor – Year Of The Metal Tiger

@IgnitorMetal **@mvdentgroup** The most metal album of the past decade.

Ignitor hail from Austin, Texas. Ignitor lives and breathes heavy metal. Support local music and buy a copy of 'Year Of The Metal Tiger' at your local independent record store today. Or buy it online. Just buy it. One of those stupid milkshake things from [name of corporate chain that sells a lifestyle under the guise of selling coffee deleted] that so many people seem to have in their hands all the time probably costs more. It ain't gonna kill ya to buy a damn CD.

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The most metal album ever? Quite possibly. Written and recorded in 2010 – the Year Of The Tiger in the Chinese zodiac calendar – 'Year Of The Metal Tiger' is a full-on heavy metal history lesson, referencing but never ripping off the most metal acts of all-time: Judas Priest, Mercyful Fate, Accept, Exciter, Bulldozer, Grave Digger… the best of the genre. Ignitor hails from Austin, Texas, where they have been keeping the spirit of metal alive for the past decade, with 3 previous releases under their bullet belts. This is the second album to feature legendary vocalist Jason McMaster (Watchtower, Dangerous Toys, Broken Teeth, et al), whose raspy lead vocals and ear-piercing shrieks fall perfectly into place with the high-speed riffing and histrionic solos of lead guitarist/songwriter Stuart Laurence (well-known by astute metalheads as Batlord from Texas hellbilly-metal pioneers Agony Column) and rhythm guitarist Beverly Barrington, and the tightly wound rhythm section of Brendon Bigalow on bass and Pat Doyle (from hardcore legends Offenders) on drums. Stand-out tracks for me are 'Raiders From The Void' – which sounds like it could have been written for 'Stained Class' and recorded with Rob Halford fronting the classic lineup of Metal Church – and 'Shadow Of The Needle' – which feels as if it wouldn't have been out of place on either 'Restless And Wild' or 'Screaming For Vengeance', with McMaster's vocals channeling Udo Dirkschneider and Rob Halford in equal measure. If 'Year Of The Metal Tiger' isn't the most metal album ever, it certainly is the most metal album to have been released in the past decade. All hail Ignitor for keeping the fire burning and the flag flying high, all in the name of heavy metal. **The Impaler @impalerspeaks**

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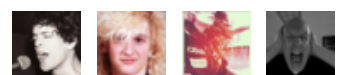@IgnitorMetal The Impaler's review of #Ignitor #YearOfTheMetalTiger http://t.co/Gq8rnZqf The most metal album ever?

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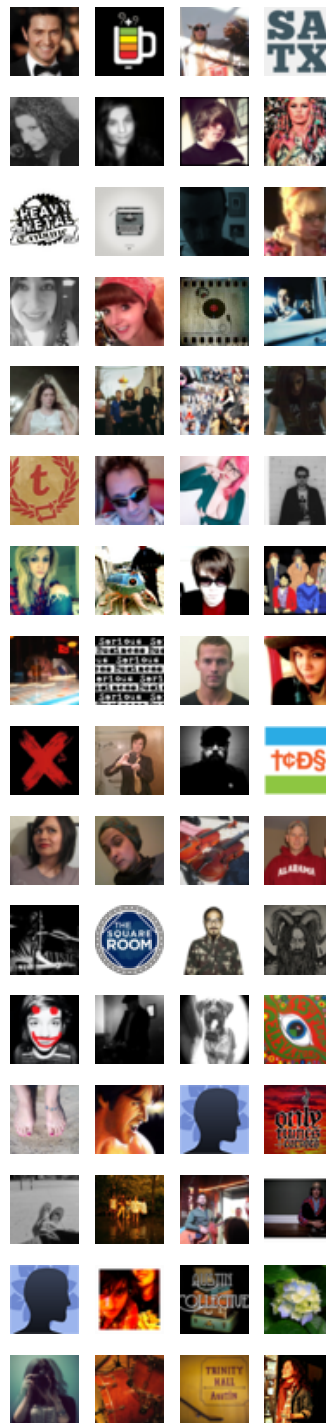
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