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## [Pagan Metal - A Documentary](#)



Pagan Metal is a documentary that researches the origins of this style of music and how it has evolved over the years. Over the past 10 years or so there has been an ever growing popularity of this style of music. As black metal bands evolve, at least some of them, they tend to gravitate towards the pagan/folk or even viking metal sound. Pagan metal hosts a variety of sounds from melancholy, to the sounds of darkness. Bands like **Primordial** tend to be a little darker than a band like **Amon Amarth**, which is all about viking folklore. This documentary presented by **Bill Zebub**, features interviews with bands that make this music tick.

*Pagan Metal - A Documentary* is an in depth look at the genre with interview and live footage of some of the top bands representing Pagan Metal scene. The bands featured on this DVD are **Korpiklaani**, **Tyr**, **Ensiferum**, **Primordial**, **Finntroll**, **Leaves Eyes** and **Turisas**. The interviews conducted are to the point but also light hearted as well. Bill keeps it interesting, by asking some light-hearted type questions. The interview footage part of the DVD is shot well with a very clear picture. The live footage seems to be filmed from the audience or possibly a press pit. The audio is good during the interviews, but in the live footage the sound is lacking. The sound is live and apparently not going through a mixing board. Unfortunately, the live footage doesn't give the viewer a good feel for what a lot of these bands are all about because the sound is diminished. I would of dug this a bit more had I been able to hear the bands better.

Pagan Metal is an interesting genre and this film does a good job of educating the listener/viewer. I really like how this genre has grown over the years and how it has adopted the midevil sound. One of the highlights of the DVD is seeing live footage from **Turisas** with their accordions and violins on stage. Not what you would typically think of as metal. What other genre of metal would you see this in? I would say none! It is like Genghis says "**Hobit Metal**". I kept waiting for Frodo to make a cameo. Cool informative DVD.



**Bottom Line:** *All you've wanted to know about pagan metal and more, by the bands that have helped solidify this genre.*

**Ragman** *is craving a turkey leg and a goblet of wine.*

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