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STEMM-BLOOD SCENT

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Based around being a metal band, NY's very own **STEMM** have created a more versatile and ambitious album in **BLOOD SCENT**. The album starts as brutal and feverish as ever with **BLOOD SOAKED**. Its penetrating double bass is relentless and full of sound makes you wake up quick and realize these guys aren't fucking around. To me **STEMM** has progressed and grew as a band in a mighty way since the early days of when I did some promotion for them. The guys are not afraid to show all sides of the band which entails the melody driven elements and their singer/guitarist Joe Cafarella not only has that rash rugged growl but damn the guy can sing as you see in **BENEATH THE SKIN**. This track by far surprised me the most and made me really see the talent in the band. The song captures, a very can we say, "radio friendly" attitude. Great melody but still captures a dark moody beauty. If I had to describe the album on whole I would say fans of bands like Pantera-due to the metal guitar attacks that are equally shown from song to song, Mudvayne and even Chris Cornell with the vocal arrangements and the melody driven areas that intertwine easily with the metal backdrop of sound. You want fast and feisty and metal to the core then check out **BROKEN FACE MASTERPIECE**. They don't let up on this one and I am excited to see how this tune in particular goes over live. So the band can do fast and heavy they can do melody and pretty and just when you thought that was diverse enough **STEMM** covers the Nine Inch Nails little ditty **WISH**, and holy love at first listen!!! It's brutal and chaotic and the electronica is devilish and the vocals are in your face and pretty close to the original. So this is a little snippet on the band **STEMM**, New York based loved by the UFC and pretty much can put down to disc any genre of music and make it there own. **BLOOD SCENT** is really a musical adventure, so check it out