

REVIEW SCALE

5 – The album is excellent, it could also be considered perfect or near perfect. There may be a few glitches or setbacks, but they are not detrimental.

4 – The album is very good. There aren't too many glitches or setbacks but the ones that are present keep the album from being excellent.

3 – The album is mediocre. While the album is alright, there isn't anything that makes it stand out above other albums. Some of it is good, and some of it needs work.

2 – The album is bad. Many things have gone wrong, and unless it happens to be within your personal favorite genre, chances are it's not even worth your time. The band has a lot to work on.

1 – The album is terrible. The album isn't worth your time, no exceptions.

Note: Be aware that in November 2004 the grading scale was revised to how it is shown above in order to maintain more consistencies between our reviewers. Many of the reviews in our Archive may include ½ marks and ¼ marks and please be aware that the ratings at that time were also more open to our reviewers' interpretations of the rating scale, as opposed to this now absolute grading scale which our reviewers are responsible to follow in their rating procedures.

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Stemm – Blood Scent - added - March 25th, 2009

Reviewer: **Ruben Mosqueda**

3/5

It all seems too calculated that Stemm's album is called *Blood Scent* and that their track "Awake" was used as a theme to a UFC television program. This extreme metal band from Niagara Falls, NY fits the bill for a soundtrack to the blood sport that is mixed martial arts. *Blood Scent* however brings nothing new to the table that hasn't been done to death before. If you're into heavy groove acts like Disturbed, Slipknot or Mudvayne then you'll find something on *Blood Scent* that will give you a rise. A couple of highlights on *Blood Scent* are; their metal rendition of Nine Inch Nail's "Wish" and the killer "House Of Cards." If you have a hunger to discover a new contemporary metal act this Stemm could fill that need.

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