

THY DISEASE - Extreme Obsession Live - MVD

If you have not had the chance to check out Thy Disease, then immediately go and buy anything you can find on them. These guys are the most underrated atmospheric metal band to date. This DVD is a perfect way for anyone to witness their live show, since they almost never tour outside their country of Poland. 14 songs of pure brilliance make this a must have for any fan lucky enough to know about this band. The interview gives insight to the band's history (be ready to read the subtitles!) and the bonus audio section, which includes a cover of fellow countrymen Vader, is a rare treat in DVDs. There is also a video for the song "Perfect Form" along with pictures and web links. This is a quality DVD in which you will not be disappointed. **Richard Conner**

STRAPPING YOUNG LAD - For Those About To Rock - Live At The Commodore Century Media

Man, I tell you, that Canadian-born Devin Townsend is not only talented as a songwriter, but the guy can really jam onstage like there's no tomorrow. Even more than the band, Devin is certainly the star on this one and a 1/2 hour sense obliterating DVD. There is a superb culmination of Strapping Young Lad's 14 tracks spanning their 10 year history. This concert recorded live at the Commodore Club in the land of snow and ice makes for an interesting experience, just seeing Hevy Devy go ballistic in front of a thousand maniacal fans is quite something. As a guitar player he steals the spotlight from the rest of his band. Imagine what it would be like if this guy could replace everyone in his band and do it himself: extremely brutal, enough said. **Sarjoo Devani**

CARNAL FORGE - Destroy Live - Century Media

Carnal Forge are definitely the masters of modern thrash, and this DVD is a perfect example of the devastation they unleash on the stage. This DVD includes a live performance from early last year. The show is an amazing display of what Carnal Forge are all about, pure aggressive energy. Also included are shows from the Metal Gods tour of 2003, which was filmed in New York, as well as another show from Japan from 2003. Though the latter two shows are not of the same quality as the first show, they are brilliant gems of the quintet's power. As if this were not enough, an interview of the band, full biography, photo and art gallery, and various web extras are thrown in for good measure. This is a must have for any fan of the band and an excellent intro for anyone interested in checking them out.

Richard Conner

BLIND GUARDIAN - Imaginations Through The Looking Glass - Century Media/Virgin

Traditional metal fans will be delighted with this almost three hour, two DVD set from one of Germany's finest long running metal purveyors Blind Guardian. The 20 tracks spanning B.G.'s entire career are featured at a festival named after them, which took place in Coburg, Germany in 2003. Classic headbangers such as "Nightfall", "Lord of The Rings", "Punishment Divine", "Another Holy War" among others shows how hardworking this band are in front of 50,000 fans. They really know how to make you headbang with their infectious and fist raising heavy metal and theatrical-like stage presence. DVD number two features bonus live footage of four tracks, an interview with the band, a photo gallery with one of their songs used as background music. The interview with B.G. would've been excellent had it been done in English as reading the subtitles got to be a bitch. **Sarjoo Devani**

NOCTURNUS - A Farewell To Planet Earth - Chaos Theory/MVD

This DVD is a must have for any fan of this innovative Florida death metal band. The disc contains three live shows from their first three album tours. These albums are 1991's The Key, 1993's Thresholds, and a 1997 show featuring many songs from the Ethereal Tomb album of 2000. All three of the shows were bootleg videos shot by fans from an audience perspective. Although the quality of the 1997 show is somewhat poor and filled with shadows of onlookers, the sheer rarity of this show alone makes this DVD worth the money. The best part of these videos is seeing the progression the band made, especially the difference from the "Thresholds" and "The Key" albums. **Richard Conner**

HATE - The Litanies of Satan - MVD

Poland's death metal extremists Hate have brought us the most hateful live images via the digital medium, and "The Litanies of Satan" are only the beginning to their horrid and Satanic onslaught imposed on all those who follow the teachings of god. Yes, their music is extreme as their lyrical views if not more punishing to the senses. Everything from blast beats, to suicidal guitar rhythms and beast-like death metal grunts will beat your auditory canal into a deafening pulp of total pain and ungodly torture. The interview with guitarist/vocalist Adam The First Sinner only adds more acid to your open wounds. This manual of diabolic propaganda is not for the faint of heart. **Sarjoo Devani**

