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Behemoth: Live Eschaton- The Art Of Rebellion (DVD)

If you are a follower of the goings on in the Death Metal genre then it is quite possible that you are already aware of the appeal and impact that the mighty Behemoth has had on it. The band is a touring machine that continually appeared as the support for such notable bands as King Diamond, Suffocation and most recently Morbid Angel. Those who attended any of the shows referenced know how powerful Behemoth is on stage and how they make the audience their own no matter who is headlining that night. This DVD filmed in 2000 in front of a studio audience in Krakow Poland is the perfect introduction for anyone who is choosing to brave the world of Behemoth, it is a journey worth taking if you like your Metal on the extreme side. The concert footage for me as a recent fan serves good as an origin point on the band for in 2005-2006 when I began to see them often it is a far more powerful presence and lineup than is depicted on the video. Front man Nergal is the mastermind of the group while Inferno provides levels of destruction that no drum kit should be subject too very often. Guitar is handled by Havoc and bass by Novy (the line up of 2006 finds Seth and the giant Orion on guitar and bass respectively). The ten performance pieces are good and you will recognize some songs from the recent shows if it has been your only exposure to the group. The spoken language is Polish as the band performs before a home audience masked in their signature corpse-paint. It is a crystal clear production and has a great sound but the audience seems a little bit dead. Perhaps it is because they were mesmerized or perhaps they were restricted from moving about, I only know the Behemoth show I attended found me fielding bodies from every direction I looked.



Bonus Features: A healthy amount of features makes up this DVD release and here is the rundown for information hungry readers. Two rare videos (Decade Of Therion & Chant For Eschaton 2000); Six rare audio tracks (Cursed Angel Of Doom, The Dark Triumph, Forgotten Empire Of Dark Witchcraft, Forgotten Cult Of Aldaron, Dragon's Lair, With Spell Of Inferno); Discography; Biography and a full-length interview with leader Nergal. That's the only downside; the interview is in Polish so call a friend who can translate for you since there are no subtitles to read along with.

Behemoth has been around for almost 15 years by my estimation and each time I see them show a higher amount of

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dominance over the Metal scene. It is time for you to join the ranks of those who fall under their watch. After you watch this DVD be sure to get a copy of *Demigod*, the CD is a Death Metal masterpiece and will leave you begging for more.

Track List

1. Decade Of Oepion
2. LAM
3. Satan's Sword
4. From The Pagan Vastlands
5. Driven By The Five Winged Star
6. The Entrance To The Spheres Of Mars
7. Starspawn
8. Carnage
9. Chant For Eschaton 2000
10. Pure Evil & Hate

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Reviewer: Ken Pierce

Score: ★★★★★

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Posted by **Pete Pardo**, SoT Staff Writer on 2006-07-20 19:01:44

My Score: ★★★★★

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While the metal world waits for the eventual full-length concert DVD featuring the current Behemoth line-up, this near hour long set filmed in their homeland of Poland in 2000 is a good starting point and way to loosen yourself up for whatever the band might have in store for us in the future. Featuring a host of songs from the bands pre-*Demigod* era, Nergal and the troops (a different cast of musicians than is now featured in the band) rip through a crushing set here of death metal, in front of a smallish crowd of Polish headbangers that are at times subdued and others quite manic.

The commanding prescence of singer/guitarist Nergal is a sight to behold, garbed in facial corpse paint and spiked boots, grappling with his Jackson guitar and spewing out plenty of evil sounding growls, while his partners in crime fuel the fire behind him, especially drummer Inferno, whose blast beats are really incredible. Some of the hottest tracks here are "Satan's Sword", "Driven by the Five Winged Star", "Pure Evil and Hate", and the cover of the Mayhem classic "Carnage".

Along with some videos, interviews (sadly, in Polish only), and six rare audio tracks, *Live Eschaton* makes for a great first DVD from the Behemoth camp. The world awaits for the next one, which should be killer. If you've never experienced this band live, you are in for a treat.



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