



Pain

Live is Overrated (DVD)

Metal Mind Productions

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Pain is a death metal band out of Sweden. The mind behind the music is Peter Tagtgren, who has created a name for himself through both Pain and legendary metal act Hypocrisy. While Tagtgren makes all the music himself; it would be hard for him to play all the instruments himself, so he has a support group of three live musicians to aid him on tour. Pain has put out four records, the most recent one, *Dancing With the Dead*, was released in 2005. *Live is Overrated* was filmed in Poland.

The first aspect I noticed about this DVD is the picture quality. The picture is very clear, and the cameramen do a great job of giving you lots of great shots and angles of the band while performing. Secondly, the sound quality is good as well. All the instruments, as well as the vocals, come through very cleanly with no unwanted feedback, and the levels are all set very equally. Musically, Pain is an energetic death metal band. There is a lot of atmospheric backing to the music, which even gives it a little bit of an industrial sound at times. The most of Pain's vocals are clean, which differs from the genre a little, but this music isn't typical death metal. Along with the actual concert, there are seven music videos included on *Live is Overrated*.

I really enjoyed *Live is Overrated*. Peter Tagtgren is not only an amazing song writer, but he has great stage presence, and he found himself a group of great performers to back himself up as well. Pain has a lot of energy and is fun to watch, so I would definitely suggest checking out this DVD.

Key Tracks: n/a

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