

"Metal's Darkside: The Hard and The Furious Volume 1" track listing:

1. Interview with George "Corpsegrinder" Fisher of Cannibal Corpse
2. Video: Cannibal Corpse "Decency Defied"
3. Interview Ted Aguilar and Dennis Pepa of Death Angel
4. Video: Death Angel "Thicker Than Blood"
5. Interview with Nevermore
6. Video: Nevermore "The Final Product"
7. Interview with Satyr of Satyricon
8. Video: Satyricon "Fuel For Hatred"
9. Interview with Pat Lachman of Damageplan
10. A Tribute to Dimebag Darrell
11. Clips from Metal's Darkside Volume II

Bonus:

Additional interview footage with George "Corpsegrinder" Fisher of Cannibal Corpse

Reviewed by chaos_3:16 on May 31, 2006

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Metal's Dark Side, hosted by adult film star, and B.C. Rich model Jasmine St. Claire, is a darkly entertaining, highly informative, UN-candid, and at times humerus DVD zine. This video is brimming with interviews like George Fisher of Cannibal Corpse, Ted Aguilar and Dennis Pepa of Death Angel, Satyr of Satyricon, Jeff Loomis, Van Williams, and Warrel Dane of Nevermore, as well as Vinnie Paul and pat Lachman of Damageplan.

The interviews are very in depth and professionally conducted at times, more adolescent and vulgar at others, and in some instances out right hilarious. Like the music that it covers, this DVD is very diverse in its content, and the manner it is presented to its audience. The DVD delves into the normal topics of censorship, and record label influence as well as the debate of women in aggressive music, the differences in Black and Death Metal, the best spots to tour in for metal, and the always funny yet unpredictable game of "Gun To Your Head," as well as a myriad of other topics with some of Heavy Metal's elite.

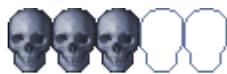
Jasmin gives her No-Holds-Barred opinions on music, life, politics, fat chicks, school, and sweaty pits, which are fresh and at times amusing, but this video is not without its pitfalls. Some of the between interview/video monologue feels scripted (though it claims not to be), stiff, and rehearsed, keeping it from flowing naturally, also some of the hostesses humor is more vulgar than funny, but she more than makes up for that with strong interviews of Damage Plan, and George Fisher of Cannibal Corpse, and with her insightful rants on the section of the DVD entitled "Jasmin's Asylum," wherein she makes her strongest most significant quote on the DVD (actually it is also stated in the George fisher interview) "You can't expect 3 minutes and 31 seconds to influence 15 years of raising a kid," not to mention her George Bush impersonation is priceless.

Now you may think Fuse's Mistress Julia is a hotter more sexy hostess, and you may or may not be right, but nothing can take away from the obvious beauty of the adult star and B.C. Rich model, who gives uncensored video's, and interviews the way they were intended for true metal fan's to hear them, without annoying beeps and creative editing tactics, and in the long run isn't that more important than picture quality, acting prowess, or even the humor and appearance of the host, I say yes. Let us not forget that you also get full length metal videos such as Decency Defied - Cannibal Corpse, Thicker Than Blood - Death Angel, Fuel For Hatred - Satyricon, and a video tribute to the late Darrell "Dimebag" Abbott.

Highs: Cannibal Corpse interview

Lows: Stiff and scripted between interview monologue, and spots of adolescent humor

Bottom line: It is a decent purchase worth checking out for extreme metal fans looking for an alternative to Headbangers Ball



Key

Rating	Description
	Perfection. (No discernable flaws; one of the reviewer's all-time favorites)
	Near Perfection. (An instant classic with some minor imperfections)
	Excellent. (An excellent effort worth picking up)
	Good. (A good effort, worth checking out or picking up)

	Decent. (A decent effort effort worth checking out if the style fits your taste)
	Average. (Nothing special; worth checking out if the style fits your taste)
	Not Good. (There is better metal out there)
< 2 skulls	Bad. (Don't even bother)



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