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- Site Launch
- New Featured Band
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VARIOUS ARTISTS

METAL MANIA 2005

Music Video Distributors

6 out of 10

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DVD: The Metalmania 2005 Festival took place in Europe in December of 2005. This CD had a few cool bands I had never heard before. However if I was in attendance at the festival, it would be one of those deals where I would be head banging and watching the bands that are cool, then sneak out side to guzzle some beers and toke up during the not so great bands sets.

The DVD starts out with a band called Darzamat. They start out pretty cool and heavy but then after a while it just gets a little repetitive and redundant. The next band is Dies Irae they did about 2 songs and are an alright death metal band. The bassist/singer resembles a mix of ex-Sepultura singer "Max" and the lead singer of Opeth. His bass lines were also pretty crazy, finger picking the whole thing and playing all over the fret board. The second guitarist performed heavy, technical riffs and ripping solos.

Viking/Death metal specialists Amon Amarth play a good set and get the crowd going insane. Followed by "Dark Funeral" who performed 4 songs for a solid set with Demonic sounding vocals, insane pounding blast beats and blasphemous sounding guitar riffs, which feels like taking a razorblade and cutting up your soul. (Especially if it's a Christian soul) Dark Funeral proves that true black metal doesn't have to be technical to sound brutal, violent and evil.

There was also the symphonic, operatic power metal band Arcturus. They were very interesting and entertaining to watch. Other acts on the bill included Turbo which reminded me of Iron Maiden with German vocals, a traditional metal band with duel-harmonizing guitars. Napalm Death and The Haunted also played, but I'm not a fan of their new stuff so I really didn't care.

The show was closed out by Apocalyptica, which is 3 guys on cello and a drummer. They closed out the show by covering Metallica's "Seek and Destroy"

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As for the CD, I was not impressed at all. The CD featured all the side stage bands from the show. Most of it was just droll, boring and repetitive. It drags down the appeal of the whole package.

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