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Tiamat

Church of Tiamat (DVD)

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Tiamat is one of those band's who have gotten a lot better with age. They have refined their image and sound a lot since their early years and as a result they have managed to create a timeless sound that will certainly outlast their contemporaries. Church of Tiamat was recorded live in Poland in 2005 and features 15 songs that will please any longtime fan.

The live show here is great. I have never had the opportunity to see Tiamat live and this concert reinforces my assumption that the band can deliver on stage. They open with the Depecehe Mode-esque "Vote For Love" and from there rip through songs like "Brighter than The Sun," "Wings of Heaven, "Clovenhoof," and "Love is as Good as Soma," and ending appropriately with "Gaia." Every song sounds good and the band is really tight, the performance is nearly flawless.

The extras here are a bigger draw than on most DVDs. You get seven videoclips ("Whatever That Hurts," "Gaia," "Undressed," "Cold Seed," "Brighter Than the Sun," "Vote For Love, "and "Cain"), an animated video for "Do You Remember Me?" as well as some more studio and live footage. Here in the U.S. you'd be lucky to have seen these videos even once so they are a perfect addition to this DVD.

Overall this is a DVD you can watch over and over and over from one of the finest bands in music today. If it weren't for their early associations with Black Metal they'd probably be household names by now.

Reviewed by: Mark Fisher