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Metal's Darkside II

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That former porn star, wrestling show producer and (apparently) metal enthusiast [Jasmin St. Claire](#) "hosts" this disc is its main claim to fame, but even that shouldn't be enough to inspire a rental or purchase from anyone but the most hardcore metal devotee with an Andrew Jackson burning a hole in his or her wallet, and absolutely no proximity to a Taco Bell.

The disc's subtitle, if you will, is "The Deeply Disturbed," and that appropriately describes the feeling one will likely have after subjecting themselves to the screeching, screaming, posing and derisive pontificating of this roster of rightfully undiscovered and unclaimed bands. The track listing is as follows: an interview with Paul Romanko and Brian Fair, of Shadows Fall (not to be confused with [Darkness Falls](#)); an interview with Terrance Hobbs and Frank Mullen of Suffocation, followed by the music video for their song "Surgery of Impalement"; an interview with Rick Hunolt and Gary Holt of Exodus, followed by the music video for "War Is My Shepherd"; an interview with members of Deconstruct, followed by live footage of a performance of "Deeper Down"; an interview with The Black Dahlia Murder's Trevor Strand and Brian Eschbach; and an interview with Arch Enemy's [Sharlee D'Angelo](#).

The cachet, I suppose, comes from the scope of the material, which spans from backstage at the Key Club in Los Angeles to the NAMM Music Conference and a small roster of other summer music festivals.

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Unfortunately, though, the mix of back-slapping biographical chat and balls-to-the-wall tunage is an awkward one, and at a scant 70-plus minutes, makes for a disc that's irritating on several levels. Naturally, despite her enthusiasm, St. Claire isn't necessarily the most discerning interviewer. Despite a few bonus videos — Fight Paris' "Complete Heat" and Firewind's "Tyranny" — I found this a big waste of time. Lots of "rawk" signs are flashed, though. And before you write me any hate mail, angry linked readers, just go back to Blackmetal.com already, will you? **D- (Concert) C (Disc)**

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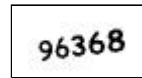
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