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Dominator - The Animated Movie

2005 - Music Video Distributors

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Synopsis:

Anyone who says Rock is dead - WILL BE! In the near future, Earth is under attack by the forces of Hell, where the maniacal Lord Desecrator has usurped Lucifer's rule and is now preparing a final attack on humanity itself. From his secret underground base, top exorcist and adventurer Doctor Payne fights to keep these supernatural attacks in check with a combination of science and magic. Animated madness abounds, featuring the voices of Cradle Of Filth's Dani Filth and top horror star Doug "Hellraiser" Bradley, with a blistering soundtrack featuring Cradle Of Filth, Matter, SikTh, V-8 Pack, Digitalis, Synthetic, The Guillotines, Killing Mode and many more.

Reading the synopsis above, you have to be impressed with the expansive and imaginative plotline. Mixing animation with metal and Pinhead? C'mon now!

Unfortunately, reality sets in within about, oh, 2 minutes, as you slowly start to realize that the animation looks like it was rendered out on an iMac as a weekend project by a bunch of pimply-faced teenyboppers. It's rough - there's no polish here whatsoever. That being said, once you get past this initial shock, you can sit back and enjoy the film for what it is: a smash-melding of metal and animation. That's it.

By no means is this a great film, but I'll grant you that it's very unique, and even entertaining at times. Just not for the reasons you might initially have expected.

Video: How's it look?

1.78:1 (16x9) anamorphic widescreen transfer looks good - very bright, rich colouring, strong detail and no compression artifacts visible. Nice job - too bad the animation is as amateur as it is.

Audio: How's it sound?

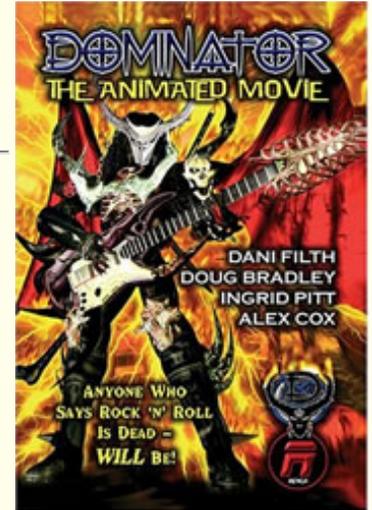
Dolby 5.1 mix is pretty impressive - once you get past the harsh British accents, you'll appreciate how strong the mix is, especially when the gut-crunching metal riffs fire up. Nice job.

Extras: What all's on the DVD?

- A Brief History of Hell (6 minute animated feature with Doug Bradley)
- Original interviews with: Dani Filth, Doug Bradley, Tony Luke, Alan Grant, Robert Rankin
- Sci Fi Channel on air interstitial about Dominator
- Music video for "No Control" by Digitalis (directed by Tony Luke)
- Dominator picture gallery

Closing Thoughts

Unintentionally entertaining film (because of it's inferior quality) + robust selection of extras = truly unique DVD experience



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