

[> News](#)
[> News archive](#)
[> Features](#)
[> Interviews](#)
[> Album reviews](#)
[> Gig reviews](#)
[> Release dates](#)
[> Tour dates](#)
[> About](#)
[> Forum](#)
[> Search](#)
**New gig review!**

Kill The Rooster

[Read!](#)
**New album review!**

Pack Of Wolves - A Nice Black Suit

[Read!](#)
**New album review!**

The Keys - Fire Inside EP

[Read!](#)
**New album review!**

Mr Twist - Mr Twist

[Read!](#)
**New gig review!**

Bad Religion

[Read!](#)
**Awesome Color 04.06.2010**

[Read the interview!](#)
**Silence Of September Part II  
25.03.2010**

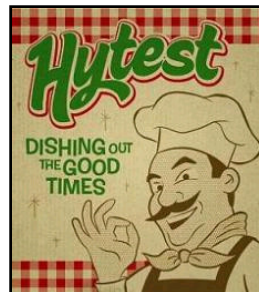
[Read the interview!](#)
**Silence Of September Part I  
25.03.2010**

[Read the interview!](#)
[More interviews!](#)

## Hy-Test - Dishing Out The Good Times

Written by: **TL** on 22/7-10 at 19:45:45

I wonder if the Australian power-trio Hy-Test chose that name because it sounds like it's short for "High testosterone", because their music is pretty manly. I also wonder if they knew and chose to ignore the fact that packaging your CD as a pizza in a box **has already been done**. Regardless, I'm not awarding the looks of their debut LP "Dishing Out The Good Times" any points for originality for that reason, so we are just going to have to see if their sounds are capable of fending for themselves.



On first listen, I was inclined to say no, but already here after a few more spins, I'm starting to change my mind. Hy-Test (seriously, there better be a good reason for that retarded name) play a sort of manly, hybrid, stoner-punk'n'roll, and while they pound through eleven tracks of no-nonsense, gruff man-music, it is possible for the listener to trace a delightful number of respectable influences. The concoction seems a mixture of stoner music inspired by Kyuss, hardcore punk ala Black Flag, and a no-bullshit attitude implying that this is a band very likely to go on stage and open with words like "We are Hy-Test, and we play rock'n'roll".

In my ears, the end product falls somewhere in the middle ground between bands like The Hives, Cancer Bats and Gallows, what with the dominating fast drums and the crunchy guitars complimenting vocals that are more charismatic raw shouting than they are pretty singing. The stoner element then comes in via classic-sounding mini solos.

The question then, is only how far up our scale Hy-Test take this first album of theirs. For me, the disc races up to the level where it's going to have my head bobbing and my feet tapping whenever it's played in my general vicinity, however, the songs do seem to need a bit more work individually, before they'll be likely to command me to dig "Dishing Out The Good Times" out of my collection further ahead than in the immediate future. Given the nice blend of influences however and the cool production already in place though, I'd say it's only a matter of letting time do its work on the songwriting department, and then Hy-Test will likely produce something that not only rocks, but also sticks. [7]

**Download:** Girl In Black, Take Ya' Money  
**For The Fans Of:** The Hives, Cancer Bats, Gallows,  
**Listen:** [myspace.com/hy-test](http://myspace.com/hy-test)

Release Date 02.07.2010  
 Impedance Records

[> Related items.](#)

### Comment this album review:

Name:

Comment:

**Kill The Rooster 22.07.2010**


Date: 22. July 2010

Venue: Lades, Copenhagen, DEN

Support: The National Shut Up +

The Revolt Of Darwin

[\) XOMH VHZ II](#)


By: PP

Date: 26/7

Here's a refreshingly original band with an awesome name as well: Pack Of Wolves from Graz, Austria. They've just released a debut album called "A Nic...

[Read the review!](#)


By: PP

Date: 26/7

My previous review saw Mr Twist seeking influence from the Brit rock explosion of the last half of this decade, whereas Cardiff, UK based The Keys go ...

[Read the review!](#)


By: PP

Date: 26/7

Here's a review slightly outside my usual coverage zones, but hey that's okay, since I'm a firm believer that there's good music to be found in all ge...

[Read the review!](#)


By: TL

Date: 24/7

Okay guys, one more before I call it a night. I'll make it a short one, covering this time "I See You Have Options EP", the first ever release from Je...

[Read the review!](#)


By: TL

Date: 24/7

Having gotten acquainted with more and more Scottish bands lately, I've become more and more assured that it is impossible for Scottish bands to suck, ...

[Read the review!](#)


By: TL

Date: 24/7

I hope you readers are on your toes these days, because I'm becoming more and more resolved to produce at least one review a day, every day until real...

[Read the review!](#)

NOTE: Offensive or abusive content in the comments will be censored or deleted by the Rockfreaks.net moderators. After several consequent warnings you may receive an IP ban, resulting in removal of writing rights on the site.

Enter the confirmation code displayed in the image.



Add comment!



By: DR  
Date: 23/7

Once your music tastes begins to expand into genres previously unbroken, it seems like a wave of bands reveal themselves to you. Inevitably, you'll st...  
**Read the review!**



By: TL  
Date: 23/7

Good evening readers! Before we all go celebrate the weekend, let's have a look at some more music. Today's contenders are Scarlet Grey, a Los Angeles...  
**Read the review!**

[More album reviews!](#)

**HP**  
**HOLLYWOOD POKER**

TOURNAMENT PLAYER  
**BONUS**  
200% UP TO  
**\$500**

**GET THIS BONUS**