

MACABRE

Sinister Slaughter & Behind the Wall of Sleep

Metal Mind



This is another in the great line of limited re-issues by Metal Mind Productions. This time we get Macabre's great *Sinister Slaughter* (originally released in 1993), with their 4-song EP *Behind the Wall of Sleep* (1994) as bonus material. Macabre have self-dubbed their musical style as "murder metal", as their lyrical themes all relate to various serial killers. I say they combine grind and thrash, with a touch of death, then throw in oddball stuff like classical guitar, jazz and whatever else they feel like. And the vocals are pretty unique as well - while one of the vocalists uses a pretty deep, gruff attack, the other

vocalist uses a high-pitched almost whiney voice for his lines. Completely outlandish and adds to the brilliance and humor they convey with their lyrics.

"Nightstalker" kicks things off, and it seems like a pretty straightforward grinder - that is until the chorus when you get the high-pitched voice chiming in "Night Stalker - looking for...". I remember the first time I heard this disc, I was thinking what the fuck is this? Then I listened to it a bit more, and grew to love this stuff. "What the Hell Did You Do?" starts off with some classical guitar part before busting into a great little grinding track. "Mary Bell", and it's reprise that directly follows, are all acoustic bits with harmonized vocals - a bit off the bands usual path I'd say. On and on it goes, each song about a different serial killer from Dahmer, Gacy, Gein - you name a serial killer and Macabre probably has a song about them.

Metal Mind has seen it fit to re-release what I consider a classic album. Sure, it's not for everyone, but you should at least check this out and decide for yourself. In addition to the bonus EP they've also included a nice two-page history of the band, with some comments from guitarist/vocalist Corporate Death. Unfortunately, the only lyrics included are for the EP. It would've been nice to have the lyrics to all the other songs as well, but I guess I'll just have to hold on to my original Nuclear Blast disc for those. Thank you Metal Mind for releasing this.

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