



Toxik: *World Circus* and *Think This*

These two albums, part of the Roadrunner re-issue series, are very much a tale of two singers. Toxik played progressive/almost jazzy thrash, which you could argue was rather ahead of its time. The only trouble with *World Circus* is their dire singer at the time, who has ironically rejoined. His screech overshadowed the quality of some of the track therein. Included are several bonus tracks.

What might be of interest, is the rather good follow-up. With a new singer Charles Sabin, who shares a vocal style with Steve Rothery of Marillion, there is less distraction from the cleverness of the band. Tracks like "War NJN 8/In God" clearly show the skill of the band. As with the former there are a couple of live bonus track. This CD stands the test of time far better and it's clear to show its influence on modern technical metal.

Well, that is your copious lot for this week. While I dive back into the pile next to me please be safe, rocking, and catch live gigs if you can.

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