

Trojan: Chasing the Storm (remaster)

Here's a little nugget from 1985 that's appearing for the first time on CD. Trojan were a power metal/thrash band from the UK, and their lone release *Chasing the Storm*, originally out on Roadrunner Records, is now finally seeing the light of day on CD thanks to the folks at Metal Mind Productions. One look at the band photograph on the back of the digipack (which has some great fantasy laced artwork) and you



would be hard pressed to tell that Trojan were a heavy metal band, as they are all dressed in these cheesey matching white jackets, headbands, and only one of the guys, bassist Eddy martin, really has the hair to match the music. To say they look like a cross between Survivor, Crowded House, and Icon is an understatement! However, the music is actually very good, and although the production is somewhat muddy, these guys crank out some solid NWOBHM styled metal here, with just enough thrash to make things interesting. The high pitched vocal attack of Greame Wyatt reminds a little of the dude from fellow Brits Grim Reaper, so you can expect some over the top histrionics, but the guitar riffs and solos from Pete Wadeson are pretty impressive throughout. Tunes like "Hypnotized", "Backstabber", "Take No Prisoners", and the title track gallop along at impressive speeds, and things always stay melodic with just enough epic fanfare. Ultimately, Chasing the Storm is solid if somewhat unoriginal and unspectacular. It's a shame that they guys splintered apart after this release, as they seemed to have all the tools to make a name for themselves in the busy 80's metal scene. All we have left is this one document, and if you are a fan of the early power metal scene you'll want to seek this out.

Track Listing

- 1. Chasing The Storm
- 2. Tonight We've Got It Made
- 3. Only The Strong Survive
- 4. Hypnotized

- 5. Backstabber
- 6. Icehouse
- 7. Take No Prisoners
- 8. Hot N Ready
- 9. Help Me
- 10. Aggressor

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