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Music Review: Talon: Fire In Your Soul (Metal Mayhem Music, CD/DVD)

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The trouble with Talon, a five-piece band out of L.A. that plays melodic hard rock in the vein of The Scorpions and Skid Row, is they're about 25 years too late. Seriously, if their new CD *Fire in Your Soul* came out in 1995, they probably would've been huge. In 2010, Talon seems more like an entertaining throwback. Lead singer Michael O'Mara has the impressive pipes of a young Sebastian Bach, while the twin-guitar attack of Jim Kee and Kory Voxen is evocative of the Judas Priest guitar duo. They certainly play their music well, but the songwriting is sadly unoriginal and unremarkable. Some songs are stronger than others—"Fire in Your Soul" is a good one, for example. And this certainly is a generous set, with the CD (which includes demos and unreleased tracks) clocking in at close to 80 minutes, as well as a bonus DVD of Talon's show during the 2003 Gods Festival in Manchester, England. The DVD is close to something you'd see on Youtube—a one-camera shoot with some feedback and technical glitches. But it has an appealing rawness that confirms the band's talent. Now they just need more songs worthy of their skill.

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