



Song Listing:

- 1. Intro
- 2. Eye Of Horus
- Blessed
 First Damned
- 5. Nine Steps
- 6. Dance Macabre
- 7. Mandatory
- Suicide
- 8. Destiny
- 9. Way To Salvation
- 10. Ereshkigal
- 11. Cemeteral Gardens
- 12. Way To Salvation
- live
- 13. Nine Steps live



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Artist: Decapitated Title: "The First Damned" Label: Metal Mind Productions Release Date: 3/30/2006 Genre: Death Metal

Rating: 4/5

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The original release year of this CD was 2000 and thanking the people of Metal Mind Productions for re-issuing it would have to be an understatement. "The First Damned" brings the listener into the earliest works of the mighty Decapitated, another brutal Death Metal group straight out of Poland. The CD takes the bands cult demos "Cemeteral Gardens" and "The Eye Of Horus" (1997-98 respectively) and cleans up the production a little bit bringing you right into the Death Metal scene of the time. As you listen to their early work you can see that the band knew very quickly the direction they wanted to take their sound in and unlike countrymen in Behemoth, began as Death Metal and remained so throughout their career. Many who follow Behemoth will remember the band starting out with more of a Black Metal sound until the wise change to the style that they currently do with excellence. Now back to Decapitated, not only do these early tracks show a level of musicianship not often associated with the genre back then but it also shows how tight the group was at a very early age. The title tracks of their demos are the most appealing and hold the most impact as well as the Death Metal tongued cover of Slayer's "Mandatory Suicide". A couple of live tracks from 2000 are thrown in for good measure and they show the band as a powerful live act without any question. Sauron's vocals are dark but not impossible to understand and the guitars of Vogg and Martin (bass) are consistent across the whole release. Vitek not only provides staggering blast beats but shows a lot of other drumming skills across the entire drum kit. Fans of the Death Metal genre as a whole should look more into Decapitated, but especially those who like to finc the musicianship of a higher level and content.

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