

LUX OCCULTA - *The Mother and the Enemy* · Metal Mind / MVD

This album, the band's fourth, was released back in 2001, but is only now seeing the light of day here in the USA. I haven't listened to LUX's prior work for some years, although I do remember really liking it. But upon finally hearing *The Mother...*, I can remember why I was never in a big hurry to track this down. Unfortunately, it's horrible. What little Death/Black Metal remains is all but obliterated by the near-constant barrage of goofy noises, keyboard squawks, horns and other bad ideas. This band has always been one to experiment, but for every good concept tried here (there are a few), the listener is absolutely *assaulted* by thirteen terrible ones, that occasionally go beyond even ridiculous into the realm of laughable. This is what happens when talent has no direction. - 4 -
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