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## **Darzamat - SemiDevilish**

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If it's a metal band with both male and female singers, it's got to be one of an endless series of goth metal Lacuna Coil clones, right? In the case of Poland's Darzamat and its fifth album **SemiDevilish**, wrong. Sure, co-frontperson Nera can croon in that sinister-yet-pretty way, and atmospheric keyboards are certainly present. But Nera can shift to a low-pitched moan or a witchy peel at the drop of a hat, and the arrangements emphasize her compadre Flauros' unearthly growls and shrieks more than her counterpoint. Chugging guitar riffs dominate the mix, the rhythm section rarely settles for a gothic saunter and the aggression level wouldn't be welcome at your local Hot Topic. If anything, tunes like "The Darkest One," "Fistful of Ashes" and "Era Aggression" represent a melodic, imaginative form of death metal. Distinctive and appealing, **SemiDevilish** is impressive stuff. *Michael Toland*

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