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**Archeon: End of the Weakness**

What do you get when you combine tasty symphonic progressive metal arrangements with melodic death metal styled vocals? Well, probably something like *End of the Weakness* from Poland's Archeon. This is another Metal Mind rescue, as this CD was originally released in 2005 on Empire Records. There's some serious talent going on here on the albums short 35 minute length, which features 9 tracks that mesh ripping prog-metal with furious melodic death metal. From the opening symphonic attack of "Arising", you are instantly hooked, and things continue through the speed metal sounds of "Day of the Doom", complete with intricate rhythms and shred guitar solos. Singer/lead guitarist Michal Kostrzynski is the star of the show here, his Children of Bodom-ish harsh vocals and nimble guitar runs settle right into these majestic metal songs, which feature well-thought out riffs, oodles of keyboards, and pummeling drum work. Not everything here is fast & furious-check out the 80's metal styles of "Queen of the Night" or the catchy symphonic metal of the single "Prayer" for proof of Archeon's commitment to solid melodic metal. However, it's the Symphony X meets Children of Bodom influenced ne-classical prog-death metal rippers like "Struggle With Death", "Lost Fool", and "Ruins of Life" that ultimately impress the most here, showing a band with excellent chops and songwriting skills. If you like dueling guitar and keyboard solos backed by sweeping keys and speed metal drum work, you've come to the right place.



Word has it that the band has recently broken up, but reformed under a different moniker called Made of Hate. If their music is anything like what we have here on *End of the Weakness*, they will be a band to watch out for in the very near future.

Track Listing

1. Arising
2. Day Of The Doom
3. Dead World
4. Queen Of The Night
5. Struggle With Death
6. Lost Fool
7. Ruins Of Life
8. Prayer
9. Hungarian Dance #5 (instrumental)

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