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VARIOUS - METALMANIA 2006 (A-/B+) Metal Mind, 2007

CD: 12 tracks, RT: 52:00

DVD: RT: 160:00

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The 2006 installment of Poland's annual Metal Mania festival is well documented on this DVD/CD set, highlighting nine main stage bands and 12 side stage bands. The first part of the show features a mix of relatively obscure outfits reflecting a predominantly Black/Extreme/Death metal style; although this isn't my thing, bands such as Vesania, Hieronymus Bosch and 1349 are, aah, entertaining. The concert really kicks into high gear when Nevermore takes the stage, delivering blistering renditions of fan favorites "Final Product," "The Heart Collector," and "Enemies Of Reality." I was unfamiliar with Moonspell and Anathema but enjoyed their powerful and atmospheric sets, but the best was saved for last as Therion closed things out with "Seven Secrets Of The Sphinx," "Asgard," and "Siren Of The Woods," effectively blending the eerie and the explosive with a performance including precision orchestration and amazing backup vocalists. The concert is well-filmed with a robust 5.1 surround mix, and the package also includes band interviews, band info, a photo gallery, and a history of the festival. The accompanying CD features studio tracks from the side stage bands, basically up-and-coming Polish unknowns like Totem and Centinex who are really good at cranking out the pulverizing riffs but often lack identity due to the preponderance of rasping, guttural growl vocals. Overall an absorbing and fun look into this long-running event.

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