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Metalmania 2006

XX Edition

Metalmind Productions

Festival footage rocks hardest



This rather metal-mungous DVD contains more corpsepaint, banging heads and bullet belts than your average knitting circle and more guitar shredding, operatic keyboards and big hair than the Women's Institute's annual convention. It is a monster of a release documenting the bands playing at the Metalmania 2006 festival and featuring contributions from the likes of Hieronymous Bosch (not the original painty dude, some bunch of bad mother stokers playing an very tight brand of technically tight metal who've borrowed his moniker), 1349, Acid Drinkers, Nevermore, Moonspell, Anathema, Therion and many, many more.

With 22 tracks plus a fair few extras, this is not light on content and well worth checking out if you're a fan, particularly as most of the above acts have been allocated three tracks apiece. Just to give it even more bang for your buck, those generous folks at Metal Mind productions have elected to chuck in a bonus CD featuring twelve tracks from the various acts who played the side stage, among them Misanthrope and Beseech.

Clearly, if you're not of the metal persuasion, there's likely to be little of interest here. But for those of you true to the faith, this release represents an excellent chance to explore a variety of up-and-comers at a doubtlessly reasonable price, or at the very least to enjoy what looked like a petty good festival (even if you can stop it half way through and go for a shit without queuing or missing anything). For those as battle-weary and decrepit as myself, that's a definite boon...

<http://www.myspace.com/metalmaniafestival>

Rating: 3 out of 5

For fans of: Dream Theatre, Cradle Of Filth, Blind Guardian, Anathema

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