

## REVIEW SCALE

- 5 – The album is excellent, it could also be considered perfect or near perfect. There may be a few glitches or setbacks, but they are not detrimental.
- 4 – The album is very good. There aren't too many glitches or setbacks but the ones that are present keep the album from being excellent.
- 3 – The album is mediocre. While the album is alright, there isn't anything that makes it stand out above other albums. Some of it is good, and some of it needs work.
- 2 – The album is bad. Many things have gone wrong, and unless it happens to be within your personal favorite genre, chances are it's not even worth your time. The band has a lot to work on.
- 1 – The album is terrible. The album isn't worth your time, no exceptions.

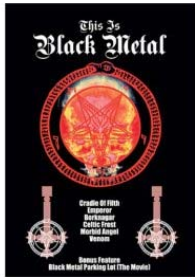
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## REVIEWS

**This Is Black Metal – Compilation (DVD)** - added - October 6th, 2007

Reviewer: **Ruben Mosqueda**

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*This Is Black Metal* is somewhat misleading as this is another Jasmine St. Claire interview collection that is on an even keel with David Letterman interviewing Paris Hilton, but this is the *black metal edition*. Jasmine's interviewing skills are weak, to say the least. She comes off as unprepared, the enthusiasm is forced, and each band interviewed (with the exception of Morbid Angel) look like they want the hell out. As with the *Metal's Dark Side* DVD's, there is bad and then worse. The most noticeable material on this DVD is Venom, Celtic Frost, Emperor, and Satyricon. Then there is the inclusion of Morbid Angel on here and, the last time I checked, they were a *death metal* band. For those that have seen the *Metal's Dark Side* DVD's with the Satyricon interview, it reappears here. The highlight is seeing the interview with David Vincent and the Morbid Angel guys, and also the interview with Emperor, as these are two bands that rarely get any camera time. Overall, the DVD is okay. There is some great subject matter but again the opportunity is lost with the looney tunes approach to interviewing courtesy of Jasmine St. Claire. *This Is Black Metal* is meant to be an impulse buy or for completists. If you pop it in expecting a high quality product, you will be sorely disappointed.

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