



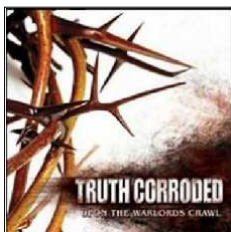
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Time to replace your VHS copy of this classic metal video

Are you tired of the current metal scene? Sick of hearing the same bands pushed beyond belief only to find out it's a clone that lacks any originality? Had a gutful of nu-whatever-core acts taking over just about everywhere? Well, heads up for a blast from the past that's not short on class. U.S.A. music distribution server Music Video Distribution have secured the rights for a DVD version of the classic Earache video from 1997 dubbed Earache My Eye.

Earache My Eye is pretty much a time capsule look at what was what by who on the legendary extreme music label in the mid 1990's give or take a bit. Earache, the label that fostered the likes of Carcass, Napalm Death, Morbid Angel, Entombed and Godflesh (amongst many others) still had those "big five" bands on their roster at the time and all but Morbid Angel get a Guernsey on here.

One of industrial metal's forefathers, Godflesh (Crush My Soul), is here as well as then new comers to the scene, Pitch Shifter (Under Achiever) and Fudge Tunnel (Rudge With A G), and the industrial tinged (read more metal than not) Meathook Seed (Famine Sector) and the criminally underated Misery Loves Co. (My Mind Still Speaks) round out what was a burgeoning genre at the time. Although it's odd that no straight out grindcore is present from the label that pretty much fostered it's growth through early Napalm Death and Carcass releases, those bands are duly noted with Greed Killing and No Love Lost respectively appearing on Earache My Eye, alongside newer grind metal proponent Brutal Truth (Godplayer). Swedish death metal forefathers Entombed (Wolverine Blues) have their death 'n' roll style represented along side the brutality of the classic At The Gates track Blinded By Fear, whilst in the very broad category of "the rest" is the reggae metal styling of Dub War (Strike It), the stoner metal style of the largely ignored Sleep (Dragonaut) and the doom metal/rock sound of Cathedral (Witchfinder General).

Earache My Eye features some classic material from both the prominent and not so prominent ends of Earache's diverse roster at the time. No doubt there will be a few points of contention (for example, no Morbid Angel, and no Bolt Thrower) but nonetheless, the Earache My Eye DVD is an enjoyable time capsule look back at a snapshot of one label's perspective on the metal scene over a decade ago.

(MVD Entertainment Group)

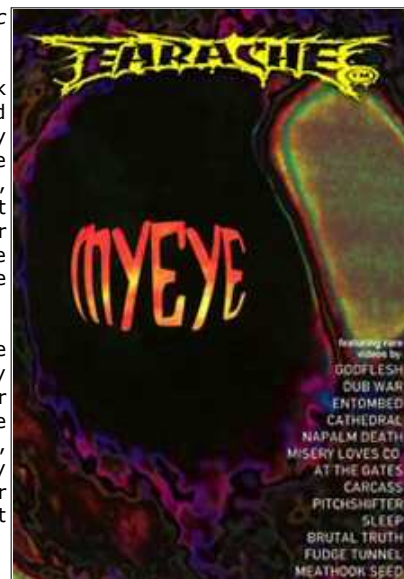
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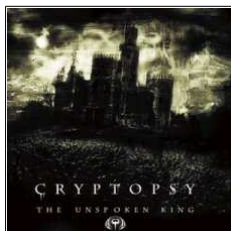
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