

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.

Note: Be aware that in November 2004 the grading scale was revised to how it is shown above in order to maintain more consistencies between our reviewers. Many of the reviews in our Archive may include ½ marks and ¼ marks and please be aware that the ratings at that time were also more open to our reviewers' interpretations of the rating scale, as opposed to this now absolute grading scale which our reviewers are responsible to follow in their rating procedures.

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Metal Mania 2007 - Various Artists (DVD) - added - April 16th, 2008

Reviewer: **Ruben Mosqueda**



I'm very impressed with the talent that *Metal Mania* is able to book for their indoor festival. Sure they book some questionable, lackluster acts, but that's common in these kinds of things. There has to be variety and the end result is booking some of mediocre bands. The quality of this DVD series is fantastic when you consider that Poland is still struggling economically and the poverty line there is still concerning. Yet they film these shows with the same care and quality that you'd see from an outfit based in North America or England with a decent size budget. The camera work is off the hook and the colors are vivid and sharp and we haven't even mentioned the great mix and sound of the performances featured on *Metal Mania 2007*. The standout out performances on *Metal Mania* are from; Entombed, Paradise Lost, Blaze Bailey who is a sweaty mess, Destruction, but the band that stole the show is Testament who get the most camera time on this DVD and with good reason. Chuck Billy tears it up as do his band mates, they have been given new life and look and sound as good as they did when I saw them on *Clash Of The Titans* many moons ago.

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