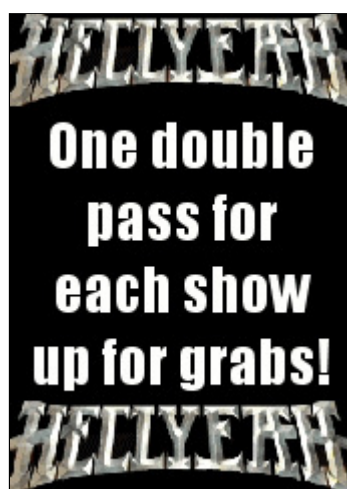




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Toxic Lab Rats - Intoxicated



Raw punk metal drowns a bit

Toxic Lab Rats fuse punk with metal to try and create aggressive, yet catchy tunes. The problem is that their sound has already been done before. Basically, they sound like Rancid mixed with bands like Dropkick Murphy's. The music spans over 15 tracks, each one a short, exciting burst of energy that has the aggression of punk and the melodies of rock. Tracks like "Stripped Fucked and Bored," "Lucy's Got a Bomb," and "Fuck You" are intense and aggressive and focus on chugging melodies mixed with rapid drums. "Bedtime Stories" is more melodic than aggressive, with plenty of Social Distortion influence; even the vocals sound similar. "Chasing Memories" features something other than just heavy guitars by including some accordion and softer features, therefore breaking up some of the monotony of the album.



Basically, fans that are lusting after more Dropkick Murphy's or Social Distortion will love this, but Toxic Lab Rats sound so much like the others they might as well have called themselves Social D 2. The music isn't fresh, but it's catchy, and worth a listen or two before becoming a loss of interest. The good news is that Toxic Lab Rats sure have a lot of energy in their music, so their live shows are probably completely raging and exciting to see due to the intensity of the fans.

(Spectra Records/MVD)

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Score: ★★★★★☆☆☆☆☆

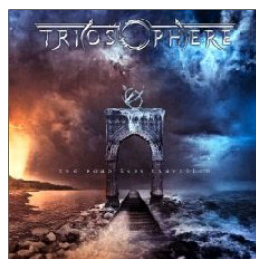
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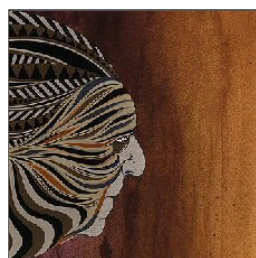
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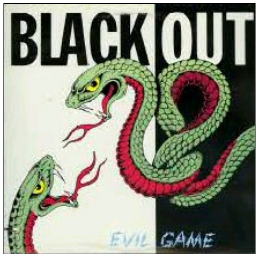
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