



Quo Vadis DEFIANT IMAGINATION



Finally, and after a very long wait, the new album of Quo Vadis is finally available and the wait was really worth the pain because this masterpiece of melodic brutality is now in my top 5 of the year 2004. Despite the loss of two important members of the group it has two years, Bart Frydrychowicz (guitar) and Yanic "The Machine" Bercier (drums) have rolled up their sleeves to hire a new singer, Stéphane Paré. And let me tell you that this guy does the job at 100 miles an hour, his death cry at the beginning of the opening piece Silence Calls the Storm will throw you on your back! Woa, I've never heard a singer hold a "death" call for so long, it's quite impressive! But that's not all because imagine that the group was paid, as a session bassist, for the recording of the album, no one else but the living legend Steve DiGiorgio (Testament, Sade, Iced Earth, Death, Vintersorg, etc.). Eh yes, you can hear in a very prominent way on Defiant Imagination the incomparable and unique sound of the fretless bass of Mr. DiGiorgio. And to invite the world, as well as the pain; you have the right, in addition, to the presence of the voice, on some pieces, of Marco and Oscar (Anonymus), Ian Campbell (Neuraxis) and Alex Erian (Despised Icon). There are no "fillers" on this new CD of Quo Vadis, each piece being wonderfully brutal while maintaining a very melodic side. In addition, the production is UN-CRO-Y-ABLE, the final mix at the famous studio Morrisound is certainly for a reason. Seriously, I've never heard a group from Quebec with a sound as powerful and perfect! It feels like the big leagues and it would not be surprising if the group signed with a major label very quickly. Defiant Imagination reminds me of the heavy melodic death metal performances of Century Media and Nuclear Blast. In conclusion, I cannot pass in silence the magnificent performance of Yanic Bercier. Is this guy really human? No, it's quite inconceivable that a normally constituted person can play bass drums so fast, hit so hard and perform "fills" as complex... all at the same time! A return that was expected and in force for Defiant Imagination. To listen absolutely!



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