

QUO VADIS Defiant Imagination

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I was never a big fan of those bands that are not really one genre nor another, like Black/Death Metal bands, or Thrash/Death Metal bands, and so on, although this only applies to pretty much these music styles I mentioned. It's actually kind of weird because I like all those styles, I'm just not able to like them as much when their paths come accross eachother.

But that was when this band came to my knowledge called Quo Vadis. I assumed they were just another Death Metal band, but after doing a little more research on them I found out that Death/Thrash Metal was their game. But no worries, I never judge before actually listening to the music, and ever since I started I became addicted! Is it Death or is it Thrash, there's no doubt that there's a little of both here, but the power of the music is so strong that I couldn't resist it.

But let me start by briefing you a little more about Quo Vadis. They hail from Canada, a very promissing country when it comes to Metal, I don't think I've ever heard a poor band from there yet. Anyway, they were formed back in 1993 and already released two albums plus a compilation with some new songs, demos and live tracks.

What I have here is their latest release entitled "Defiant Imagination", and let me prepare you for what you'll encounter if you decide to give these guys a try. Like I said, the sound is somewhat of a mix between Death and Thrash Metal. The vocals are harsh, like would be expected, and the instruments can quickly change between that technical Death Metal style and fast and furious Thrash, with some solos down the middle that keep that melodic vibe going on.

It's pretty cool because it tends to get addictive. I'm not talking about those songs where you find this or that part which you really like, it's just the whole thing. I've listened to the album for several times now, and it gets hard to find just a song that you'll end up enjoying above all others, just because your opinion might change the very next time you decide to spin it in your stereo.

"Defiant Imagination" is one of those albums that's cool to have, not just for a couple of tracks, but for the whole thing. Sometimes it's a shame how some good albums from our favourite music style can just pass us by and we hardly even notice them, so if you're a Death Metal fan, I'd advise you to give these Canadians a try, you surely won't be disappointed.

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