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MUSIC REVIEWS



Reviewed By: Mitchman
Artist/Group: Bal-Sagoth
Album Title: The Power Cosmic
Label: Nuclear Blast
Release Date: 1999
Genre: Epic Fantasy Metal

Overall Rating: **
I've heard worse

This starts off sounding like the sound track for an adult version of the movie *Masters of the Universe*, and rapidly degenerates into a repetitive mix of angry unintelligible goth vocals punctuated with speed metal riffs and screams. Fortunately, there is structure and rests, melody and a fairly decent

epic space opera story to hold the listener's interest, and the cover looks cool or I wouldn't have given it the time of day.

For fans of: Angry Goth music and bad space operas



Reviewed By: Mitchman
Artist/Group: Seasons of the Wolf
Album Title: Lost In Hell
Label: Earth Mother Music
Release Date: 1999
Genre: Classic Metal

Overall Rating: ****
I Would Probably Buy It

This has a harder edge to it, but I still put it in that Classic Metal category. It is almost bordering on Epic Fantasy Metal in flavor, but there is no orchestration or vocals/story line to place it there. Ronnie James Dio comes to mind but he tends to be either great or poor with little in between, and this is much more uniform. Overall a good sound with solid rock riffs, slightly angry Rob Halprin style

vocals (of Judas Priest-only much better control) or AD/DC, and a definite high-end presence vs. that ultra bass rumble more typical of this style. All this and a neat-o cover that reminds me of Deep Purple's *Fireball* too.

For Fans of: Judas Priest, AC/DC, Dio, Kingdom Come



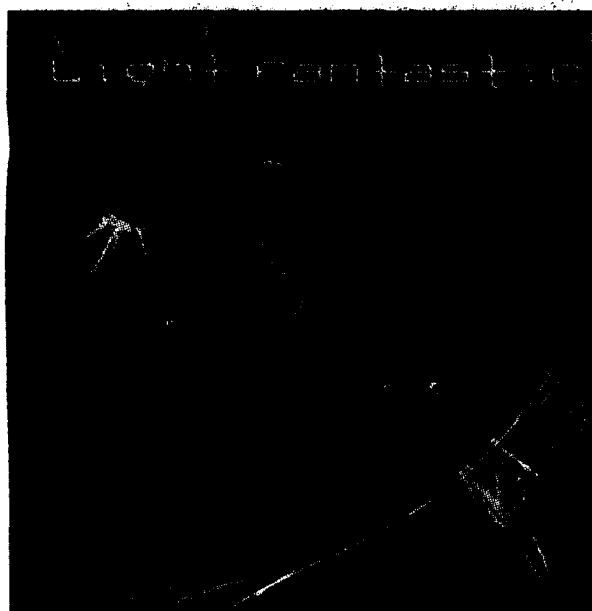
Reviewed By: The Gooseman
Artist/Group: Compilation
Album Title: Ozzfest - Second Stage Live
Label: Divine Records
Release Date: April 2001
Genre: Loud Rock

Overall Rating: ****
I Would Probably Buy It

If you're a fan of loud rock and heavy metal, than this is the CD for you. Not only do the two discs contain live music from Soulfly, Coal Chamber, Slayer, Sepultura and Ozzy (among others), but, by inserting the second disc into your

PC, you are given the opportunity to test-out some of SEGA of America's upcoming videogame releases for the Dreamcast console. How can you go wrong?

For Fans Of: Loud, live music



Reviewed By: Da Boss
Artist/Group: Steve Roach
Album Title: Light Fantastic
Label: Fathom Music
Release Date: 1999
 (okay, it's not new!)
Genre: New Age

Overall Rating: ***
Borrow or Steal It, Don't Buy It

I'm a big fan of quiet, meditative music, but there's an underlying frequency to this album that I found monotonous and unsettling: probably the wrong frequency for me. In all fairness, at times it has the feel of background music for a science fiction film . . . you can imagine yourself looking at a col-

orful nebula out the window of the Millennium Falcon. Make a copy, or if the karmic impact of the theft bothers you - and the frequency is a harmonic of your own - buy it as a meditation or sleep CD.

For Fans of: Enya, Steve Halpern

