

ECLIPTICA: "Impetus" 8

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Ecliptica comes with their debut album "Impetus" after a successful EP ("The Awakening") and I have to say I enjoy it really much. The screaming guitars, thundering drums and good combination between a male and female vocal is almost everything you need to get the rock party started. The only question is have I heard this before? Even if Ecliptica manages to be original with the twist of male and female vocals, you still get the feeling that you heard it before. Oh well it sounds good so why complain. From a band that was founded as a solo project by Markus Winkler (guitars) in the mid 2005 they have managed to experience events that most bands can only dream of. Like playing at "Wacken Open Air" festival in Germany after winning the "Metal battle Austria 2007" and having the support slot for US-prog Metal band Symphony X, Ecliptica is only at the beginning of a journey.

The album starts off with an instrumental song "Impetus". With some melodic guitar solos and a "mystical" background the tables get turned for the second song "My Paradise" that brings in the great drums and amazing vocals of Thomas Tieber and Elisabeth Fangmeyer. After that it continues on pretty much the same but it sounds good so who cares. Then comes probably the one song that for some reason doesn't fit in. The ballad "Turn Away" is a good song but the style doesn't quite fit in with the rest of the album but I still find it interesting and I give the thumbs up for pulling off something completely different and still getting it to sound so damn good. After the soft ballad comes probably my favorite song "old man's memories" that delivers The Heavy metal with a big H! Nice intro and a catchy chorus, and adding a great guitar solo to the mix. Voila! What more do you need?

I can't wait for the next Ecliptica album and if they ever would come to Finland I would be in the front row head banging and singing along. A great album for the friends of power metal with influences of Queen, Iron Maiden, Metallica just to name a few.

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