

Mp3 Mandatory - Lend Me Your Ears

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Metal, Thrash, Rock 10 MP3 Songs METAL: Thrash/Speed Metal, METAL: Power Metal Details: The one word which describes Mandatory's first album Lend Me Your Ears is EPIC. Ten years in the making, the album is independently released in February of 2007. Lend Me Your Ears is in the thrash/metal genre. To classify its genre even further, Lend Me Your Ears is a postmodern yet refined sounding record. The album consists of 10 songs, 3 of which are instrumentals. Some of the songs on the album such as Lend Me Your Ears, The Wanderer, and Labyrinth are very well polished compositions that hold reinscriptions towards older Metallica records such as Master Of Puppets. Other songs on the album such as Pulsate, Evil In Disguise, and Drift Away are just as polished sounding, but are much more modern in terms of genre. They are by no means "nu Metal," but more of an alternate growth from which thrash/metal has matured. Mandatory turns over a new leaf with the songs Cue The Madness, A Piece Of Infinity, Dark Ages, and Exit Madness. These tracks are much more experimental and raw. Cue The Madness and A Piece of Infinity both play in a deconstructive way against the typical thrash/metal genre by incorporating a keyboard. Dark Ages features a vocal section that is breathing in a completely different world, while the instrumental is a hard driven progression that we become familiar with through the song. Exit Madness is perhaps the most experimental song on the record. It is the heaviest, and fastest. it also features a dueling guitar section that is straight out of the 17th century baroque period. Overall the album is full of talent...and this is a very technical album. Dueling guitar solo's, insane drum and bass technicalities, strong vocal melodies with bizarre back-up harmonies. You can't just start a Mandatory cover band. It would be like trying to cover Queen or Pink Floyd. Mandatory has a certain level of auteurism in their work. Not only do the vocals, guitars, drums, and bass, sound clean. But the song-writing is very mature, and very much their own. These are compositions that breath, they have life. Most thrash/metal bands sound like noise because thats what they think the genre consists of. Mandatory has proven that "its not about the genre...its about the quality of the songs." I recommend Lend Me Your Ears to anyone that likes music. Not just metal fans, not just musicians. This is a record for everyone. Mandatory is: Rusty Holloway - Guitar, Vocals Brent Wiggins - Guitar Scott Sabelhaus - Drums Brandon Kearney - Bass

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