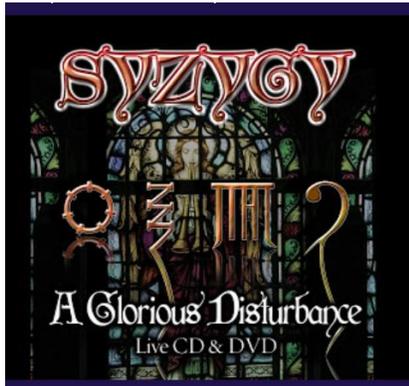


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ALBUM OF THE WEEK



US contemporary proggers SYZYGY have recently released a three-disc live set, "A Glorious Disturbance", consisting of nearly five hours of content from two DVDs and a CD. The first DVD has video coverage of two live shows (2009 appearance at the Three Rivers festival and their 2010 headline appearance at A Day of Prog festival) with audio available in 5.1 surround sound. There is an additional DVD which features more than 90 minutes of special features. The 72 minute CD offers live music, including "new and exciting interpretations of the band's earlier work", plus some tracks performed for the very first time.

Every couple of years a new band (well new to me anyway) appears on the scene and they just blow you away. I have been lucky, that in less than a year, I have found two such bands in Halestorm and now SYZYGY. Syzygy's superbly packaged 2 DVD/CD set, "A Glorious Disturbance", is a brilliant introduction to the band and a essential purchase for fans. The film footage and sound is phenomenal with the great vocals of Mark Boals backed up by a group of musicians that work so well together.



Music on this release spans all three of Syzygy's studio albums with the 13 minute "M.O.T.H. (great guitar) being one of the many highlights. In addition we are treated to covers of UK's "In The Dead Of Night" (one of my favourite tracks of all-time) and DEEP PURPLE's "Burn", great stuff!!

The DVD is in 5.1 surround sound and sounds absolutely fantastic when you turn up the volume. Overall this release is an absolute winner; and if you have never heard this band before, I cannot recommend it more highly. However, I warn you, that after hearing this album it will cost you further as you will want to purchase the band's back catalogue as well.

Would just love to see this band booked to appear at the UK'S Summer's End Festival in October (hint, hint, Stephen and Huw). I have never ever given an album, that I have reviewed, full marks; but this is definitely a ten-star album!

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