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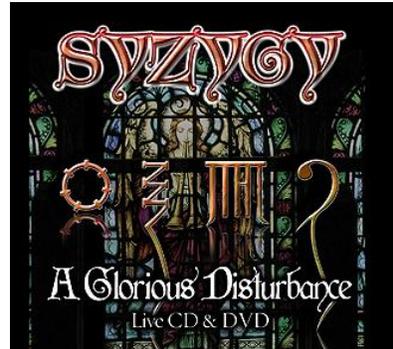
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Syzygy - A Glorious Disturbance (Syzygy Music Enterprises 2012)

Some weeks ago I got this killer pack - consisting of one CD and two DVDs - that made and still is making my heart sing. Syzygy (not only) in my opinion is one of the best bands around in the progressive rock circus – these musicians must be called artists without any exaggeration as everyone can hear and see. It all began under the moniker WITSEND; Carl Baldassarre (Guitar, Vocals), Sam Guinta (Keyboards) and Paul Mihacevich (Drums, Vocals) released their debut album “Cosmos and Chaos” in 1993. When I bought this album back then I liked the music and was very disappointed that the band seemed to have disbanded since there wasn't any follow-up action.



Then, ten years later, there was a seemingly new band called SYZYGY with the fantastic release “The Allegory Of Light“; I was very surprised when I read the members' names: BALDASSARRE, GUINTA and MIHACEVICH. Could this be an optical illusion? No, it was definitively not a fata morgana and the music was world class, merely the singing was mediocre. In 2009 “Realms of Eternity” was published and the band now consisted of five members: Baldassarre, Guinta, Mihacevich plus Al Rolik on Bass Guitar and a certain Mark Boals on vocals. Again I thought my eyes were fooling me but when I inserted the CD there was no doubt – this voice belonged to one of my favorite singers, the one and only MARK BOALS who once had been the vocal trade mark of Yngwie Malmsteen and Ring Of Fire to name but a few examples.

“A Glorious Disturbance” shows what this band is capable of doing without any safety net – from the virtuoso compositions that blend (former) authorities of progressive rock like RUSH, YES or ELP with harmony vocal masters such as GENTLE GIANT or QUEEN and the inspiring lyrics with a deep sense of our spiritual identity to the high-end quality in terms of picture and sound. These recordings are simply exemplary and a leveling board for live releases in the future. The complex rhythmic and harmonic structures even leave some space for improvisation that fits like a glove.

The CD contains a complete concert that provides almost every jewel of the band’s history like “Mount Ethereal”, “Strange Loop II”, “Circadian Rhythm”, “Dreams” or “M.O.T.H.”. DVD one, which lasts for about two hours includes two full concerts – the outstanding gigs at the 3RP Festival (2009) and the Day of Prog (2010); whereas DVD two, in contrast, is filled with some special features like interviews, a recording documentation of “Realms Of Eternity” and a band roundtable.

“Well done“ would be a complete understatement – this package has truly earned its place in the realms of eternity showing that human existence is meant to reach far beyond our technical ecstasy; it's a wake-up call to leave this dark land of collective deafness, dumbness and blindness for new shores – a religio towards cosmic consciousness. “A Glorious Disturbance” makes most of today's so-called progressive heroes look like a bunch of hyped fumlbers and bumlbers. So there's only one thing left to say: Please bless us with a new studio album asap!!!

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