

HDK - System Overload

HDK (Hate, Death, Kill) is the Project of After Forever guitarist Sander Gommans. When you hear the first song you think that this is a pure death metal album, with a lot of grunting and 'loud guitars'. But continuing listening you will hear more thrash metal influences but also some gothic metal influences.

The line-up for these CD exists of, next to Sander, Peter Vink (Star One & Thin Lizzy Tribute Band) on bass and Arien van Weesenbeek (Epica) on drums.

Sander had the help from several known guest musicians, for example, Amanda Sommerville from Avantasia & Aina. With her beautiful voice she gives the songs a special tint. Definitely a very good choice.

The other guest musicians are:

*Joost van den Broek on keyboards (After Forever),
Arjen Lucassen on guitar (Ayreon),
Marcel Koenen on guitar (Sun Caged, Stormrider),
Bastiaan Kuiper on guitar (Stormrider, Engine of Pain),
Andre Matos on vocals (Aina, Avantasia, Luca Turilli),
Jos Severens on vocals (Stormrider, Up the Irons),
Patrick Savelkoul for grunts (Callenish Circle),
Mike Scheijen for screams (37 Stabwoundz),
Paul Niessen on vocals (I Witness & Rage on Stage).*

There is now just one thing left to say. Go and get this album! It sounds great (I even liked the death metal parts which I normally don't listen too) and the artwork is intriguing.

Tracklist "System Overload":

1. System Overload
2. Request
3. Let Go
4. Terrorist
5. Pedestal
6. On Hold
7. Breakdown
8. March
9. Perfect
10. Fight or Flight
11. Fine Lines

RockpicsReviews marking: 8 out of 10

Tracks: 11

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