

FURYON

Gravitas

British band Furyon is releasing their debut album Gravitas for the third time now after having released it themselves and then having it released with Metal Hammer UK before now having it released worldwide for the first time by Frontiers. The album has received rave reviews in many different medias, also a good one here at Hallowed which is why we had a chat with the band to learn more about this debut album and this band.





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The band hails from Brighton in Great Britain which is where they have been seen so far, known in their home town for their great performances on the stage. In 2010 the band released their debut album "Gravitas" on their own and it was well received by press representatives, we at Hallowed never got that album

though but it is available from the band's website still I am told. The 23rd of march in Europe and four days later in the US this album will be released by Frontiers, something the band is very pleased with they say.

Furyon can be found in the role playing game of Dungeons and Dragons, it is what the Kingdom of Furyondy is sometimes called if I am to believe Wikipedia at least. For the band with the name Furyon it is a warrior name, this

because they were looking for a name with some stature.

- We wanted to have a name that stood for something strong. Finding band names is always a difficult thing to do I feel but once it's born, there ain't no going back.

It is at least a short name that is to the point and the same goes for the title of this album, that is something that might help them get noticed in the crowds of bands already out there when they are

now being released worldwide. So how does it feel for the band now that their album is reaching a wider audience than only the british?

- We are thrilled to have this album released via Frontiers Records. A Worldwide release is exactly what we were aiming for and it's great to know it'll reach so many different countries.

Furyon are inspired by the world around them, its beauty and its flaws and relationships

between people and such. You could describe their inspiration as real life, what we see around us every day. They describe their music as heavy music with a melodic edge, songs where you can understand the singer.

- It's honest songs, lyrics relating to real life. Guitar solo heaven.

Gravitas

"Gravitas" is the name of Furyons debut album, an album that is

once again being released. it is an album of ten songs that are recorded in the USA with a big sound like to shout that it is recorded in the land of the big. The style of the album ranges from straight catchy heavy songs, progressive styled songs and even a ballad is to be found on this album.

- It's a great mix: high energy vocals and guitars that'll leave you wanting to play.

At the back end of the album we see a different side than this

high energy stuff, it is a group of bonus tracks that are acoustic. They are recorded in the UK and are slightly different versions recorded with the six and twelve stringed acoustic guitar.

The artwork of this album is quite striking as well, looking like an old styled book. In a way it can make someone seeing it believe that it is some kind of power metal album, which it clearly isn't. But what about the idea with this artwork and how did it come to life?

- There was an animation video made for *Disappear Again* and this featured a Knight character who fought for and stood by 'Furyon'. The face of the knight is on the front cover and this in a booklet form. We wanted it to look authentic. The animation video can be found on our sites through www.furyon.net and youtube. Andy Ferguson put the art together and came up with The booklet and Colin Newman was The artist that created the animation and characters. Talented guys.

It is exciting artwork, if it is good or suitable for the album I leave for anyone to decide for themselves, but what about the album? are the guys satisfied with what they have accomplished? They say that they are very pleased with how the album turned out.

- You never really know how it's going to come out when recording albums. All you know is it'll be good, especially if you have a good Producer to save your ass! We couldn't have asked for a better production.

The favourite song on the album is *Disappear Again*

which was actually written while the band was already in the studio and it pushed away a song called *The One* which should have been on the album. So a last minute entry in the opener and then *Desert Suicide* is also mentioned because

of its feel and originality if the band can decide.

Promotion

There has been some time for medias and fans to notice this debut album by now and as far as the writer is concerned the album has been very well received with many high ra-

tings around the different medias and this is a view that is being shared by the band. The reception has been amazing is the wording used by the band and they explain that their fan base seems to be ever growing. They explain that 90% of the reviews has been positive and that even though some always tend to find something negative and give you a hard time but the band

hasn't had time to really reflect on those few amongst the many great reviews.

And the album has reached a wider audience now, as their manager Axel Wiesenauer at Rock'n'Growl and Frontiers has been pushing the album much harder than the band themselves could ever had.

- The first self-release was a 'Collectors Edition' and there was only a small run of these made. And some still available. It's a different ver-

sion as I said. Only The 10 songs but with Animation artwork throughout plus The *Disappear Again* animation video. When these editions are gone. They are gone!

These editions are available from the band's website and on the band's shows so if you want one before they are all sold out. And speaking of shows, the band are playing around the UK at the moment and then the plan is to visit Europe and maybe some



other places around the globe, they wish to visit whichever place where Furyon fans reside. And wherever they visit these fans are in for a treat.

- Furyon live is a energetic show! we play and sing these songs with the angst and passion that we recorded them with. We like our live sets to be as intense as possible.

But the band is not sitting back and relaxes, the work is already ongoing and they are writing on their second album which promises to bring a whole new excitement to the arena. But before we see anything of that the work of promoting the "Gravitas" album is what holds the first priority right now.

And with that there is not much to be added about this band at this moment, and therefore leave the final word to the band. "Gravitas" is out on march 23 2012 be sure to have a look at that, see our review for more information about it.

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<http://www.furyon.net/>

<http://www.myspace.com/furyon>

<http://www.rockngrowl.com/furyon>

<http://www.hallowed.se/english/music/reviews/2012/furyon-gravitas.html>

