

T H E BURNING

A pleasant flame of death

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Danish extreme metal act, The Burning, comes roaring out of Åhus inspired by such Danish-related bands as Metallica and such. Earlier this year they released their second album and it's definitely time to take a closer look on this band since Denmark is on a move in the harder scene at the moment...



Danish extreme metal band The Burning was a quite pleasant new acquaintance for the fresh death metal or whatever you like to call it. And when I was asked to do the interview I can't say that I hesitated as I was keen to know a little bit more about the band. However, there were some strange events surrounding this interview as the guy, Rasmus' wife was to have a child and the interview was postponed, first without me knowing it and then later on again.

Still, that is a good reason for missing out, strange that he did not sign over the responsibility to do the interview to someone else in the band, that has happened to me many times; I think I am to interview one guy but a completely different guy calls, but not this time.

Names

Anyway, enough chit chat, now you may wonder who this band are, you have probably no idea. Here is what Rasmus says:

- We are four guys from Åhus in Denmark who have played together for three-four years, Rasmus explains. We started out in 2005 with Johnny on the vocals, me on the guitar and Thue on the bass. We found Tobias on a musical forum which no longer exist. Now we have just released our 2nd album, it is hard to believe.

I can agree on that, I find it quite hard to believe it myself as I have never heard anything by this band before this very record. A band that don't utilise any Swedish twin guitars or something, just rocking heavy bad



clean metal, at least if we should believe biographies.

- I think it is hard to say myself, Rasmus states about their music, but we can say it is a mix of thrash metal and melodic death metal. He then also goes on to say that you may hear the bands which have inspired them.

- For instance Metallica, Slayer and Obituary, you could almost say that it is our take on these bands, he continues.

The Burning, names in metal are always kind of strange, The Burning carries a bit of power of course and it also suggests fiery, hot music with lots of destructive power, but how do you figure out such a name? Rasmus explains...

- Me and Johnny were experimenting in finding a suiting name, in a way it is just taken out of thin air. Still it suits quite well,

it can be interpreted in many different ways: like it is flaming music or maybe that we are really burning for the music. The writer of this article definitely go for the second interpretation as it is such a beautiful way to look at it.

Favourite song

The Burning released their second album in the early months of the year, an album that was produced by Kristian Kohler in Germany.

- We were trying many different things, on the first album we had a crunchy but rather polished sound, for this new album we were looking for a more raw sound, a little bit live live on record. This record is more bombastic and heavy than the first record we made, Rasmus explains.

- I am very pleased with this

record I have to say, Rasmus says when it comes to the 'Rewakening' record.

He also points out that the band has become better at what they do.

- We have become better, with better melodies and more focus on good songs, Rasmus points out. There are also more heavy passages that are heavier and the vocals are better.

Judging by what Rasmus said we can probably deduct that this band have become better at every aspect of what they do.

With this record that he is so very proud of, Rasmus must have a favourite song of all the nice songs on this record.

- It is hard, I don't listen to our own music that much but the first song *It Came From the North* is a really good song, Rasmus

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states confidently. The song represent the record in a very good way. Also track five *Repentance* is good, it is a bit heavier and with more speed but also with some nice melodic parts all fast paced.

Opinions

Opinions of the band is of course all good but what about the reactions of the fans?

- We have only played two shows with the new songs on the set, Rasmus explains. The songs have got a good reception by the fans, he explains.

And as so many other Rasmus points out that playing live is the whole thing, the reason for making and playing music.

- I was a bit tensed when it came to the new stuff, Rasmus explains, but people are generally positive. The record was generally liked by fans.

How about the reviews then?

- We've had mainly good re-

views, I think I have seen one bad, Rasmus replies. My review was not overly positive but it was on the "good" side of the scale so the record is slightly above average for my part, and thinking that it is an extreme metal record and not a melodic offering that is quite positive for being me.

Denmark

The Burning is a band from Denmark our southern Scandinavian neighbours. A nation who's metal scene I really know nothing about, so from these burning guys perspective, how does the Danish scene look?

- *Illdisposed* and *Hatespere* are two well-known bands, Rasmus starts. There are a lot of bands coming, a lot is happening right now which is nice because it was kind of still and quiet for some years before. There are lots of exciting new bands coming, one example I can mention is Dawn

of Demise who are powerful and high quality.

I have really not heard any of those bands, I have heard about the first two he mentioned but never heard their music.

Then, what about the future, what happens now?

- First it will be out and play, Rasmus starts, then we will probably start working on another album, maybe for release next year. We need about a year of writing as we are very critical to our music and spends lots of time polishing details, he explains.

With those facts and answers we leave the burning guys from Denmark. Of course we can always enlighten you about the fact that we have reviewed their 'Rewakening' record where you can also find important links if you want to learn more about the band. I highly recommend that you check it out, and with that I just wish to say Enjoy! Dir.K