

Kittie

The Kittens are back!



I've Failed You is the slightly deterring title of the latest album of the Canadian Kittie, it is an emotional following to the album In the Black which was released in 2009. Hallowed was fortunate enough to have a few of our questions answered by Mercedes Lander which we now turn into an article that spans everything from emotions to cats throwing up.

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I will start by saying that if you want more background and things around the band have a look at the article from 2009, this will be more dedicated to the latest album and the last two years. Two years that have been trying on the band and eventually led up to the album they call 'I've Failed You', an album which is the sixth of Kittie and which took them three weeks to record.

- It was recorded with Siegfried Meier in Goderich, Ontario, Mercedes explains.

The album title *I've Failed You* could be interpreted as Kittie acknowledging a failure to deliver their fans a good album, but according to Mercedes it is rather a reflection on the times following the 'In the Black' album.

- I think the last few years have been very difficult for all of us in the band and the title really reflects on the hardships that we've endured this past while.

If 'In the Black' was a return to the basics of writing a great album, 'I've Failed You' builds on that foundation and expands upon that. According to Mercedes Kittie are always trying to outdo themselves with every album, which is something she thinks they have done with 'I've Failed You'.

I've Failed You

So, what is it actually about, 'I've Failed You'? It is about the two tough years that has been the latest two years, it has shaped the form of this latest album by Kittie.

- The band went through a really tough time the last 2 years. Morgan especially went through some life changing experiences and this album is really about weathering the storm of life,



Mercedes explains.

The album is also a very honest album as it is less vague in the lyrical content, less vague than the albums that preceded it. Morgan who wrote the lyrics before had been very hesitant to give out much of herself in the lyrics but it has changed for this album and Mercedes explains that Morgan gives out more of herself in the lyrics this time than she has ever done before and also that the lyrics on this album is quite literal.

- The music, I think the past two years really just came pouring out in the writing, its a very musically emotional album as

well.

According to Mercedes *I've Failed You* is the fastest and heaviest album Kittie has ever done, it is also the first album she says she is 100% satisfied with. But what about the press and fans, what do they say about 'I've Failed You'?

After researching reviews on the web I would say that besides the fact that our reviews are generally much longer than most on the web, is that the reaction to *I've Failed You* is a generally positive one. After viewing something like 20 reviews I would say that there were three really bad ones and then a few neutral



ones and the rest was positive so the press reaction (or blogger reaction) is a rather positive one and Mercedes say that the fan reaction is also very positive.

- The fans seem to really dig it, I've been told this is our best album to date and I agree.

Video and Tour and a Cat

The band has done more than one video for this album already and the one called *We are the*

Lamb which was co-written by Mercedes did catch my eye with its slightly different look, Mercedes explains that it is their take on the 70s italian zombie movie.

- It is shot very gritty and is meant to look a little rough around the edges. it was so much fun to shoot and i really enjoyed being in makeup as i am an avid horror movie lover, Mercedes explains with a smile.

Kittie is a band who likes being

out there on the road and already now they have been touring for several dates in North America from august to late september and after that I have not seen any confirmed dates for the band but according to Mercedes they will be on the road for a very long time, she says that with a smile.

Kittie's sixth album *I've Failed You* is available at your local record store or if you do not have any such you can buy the music

as digital files or via online stores of course whatever you would like but it is available now. Be sure to look up our review of that album and all our previous material of Kittie. With that we leave the final words to Mercedes whom I asked not to end with the usual phrase.

- Thank you to anyone that picked up 'I've Failed You' and my cat just threw up all over my couch.

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