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## Review | Hellfighter's Damnation's Wings

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A monster riff accompanied by a scream that will send chills up your metal spine lifts Hellfighter into the heavens upon 'Damnation's Wings' to launch an all out assault on your senses that will knock you down, but leave you begging for more.

After rising from the ashes of the battlegrounds of the 90's UK Thrash Metal scene ex-Xentrix, vocalist Simon Gordon, guitarist Kristian Havard and drummer Den Gasser recruited guitarist Pete Smith and Den's brother Mel Gasser (bass) to forge new Metal with their band Hellfighter. Signed to Heavy Metal Records in late 2009 the band got busy writing material for their debut record.



Damnation's Wings

Simon Gordon's strong vocal performance on Damnation's Wings ranges from guttural lows to stratospheric highs. In between is a gritty razor sharp delivery that is reminiscent of the legendary Metal vocalist from the past. But Gordon has a unique sound all his own that suits Hellfighter's heavy hard driving sound perfectly.

The songs on Damnation's Wings reflect the bands Thrash and Metal roots with a more mature tone and heady song writing that contain subjects including an 18th century murderer of the female persuasion, the horrors of World War II and the world economic collapse and struggles. This record is intense, precise, melodic mayhem that will have you banging your head from start to finish.

The twin axe attack of guitarist Kristen Havard and Pete Smith never lets up. Crunchy heavy riffs and technical yet not over blown pretentious soloing throughout Damnation's Wings, creates a feeding frenzy of power and riffage. It's obvious Hellfighter poured their hearts and souls into this effort without even a hint of a filler. From the opening chords of 'Tower Of Sin' to the epic closer 'Firewalker,' Damnation's Wings is a modern day Metal masterpiece.

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Drummer Den Gasser is a man possessed, his ever present but not over powering drumming has him pounding out dizzying drum patterns and tasty double kick drum beats that will have you feeling like you're up against the ropes with a prize fighter working you're mid section. Mel Gasser's thundering locomotive bass lines compliment Den's drumming and the duo make far a rock solid rhythm section.

Producer Andy Sneap's brilliant performance behind the mixing board at Backstage Studios, Derbyshire, England and at Viscon Studios, Lancashire, England lends to the sonically perfect mix of Damnation's Wings without the presence of the all too often heard 'loudness war' that makes for a distorted recording. The mix has the vocals, guitars, drums and bass out front strong and crisp without any one thing over taking the other. This record jumps out of my speakers and makes it's presence known immediately. Excellent mix Mr. Sneap.

All songs were written by Hellfighter except for, "Bring Only Pain," which was co-written with ex-Xentrix bassist Paul "Macka" Mackenzie.

Damnation's Wings is out now on itunes and will be released February 28th, 2011 on Heavy Metal Records. Believe me if your are a fan of kick ass Heavy Metal music you don't want to pass on this one.

Rating: 4-1/2 Stars out of 5

Favorite song: All of them!

Damnation's Wings track listing:

1. Tower of Sin (4:50)
2. A Lesser God (5:32)
3. Legacy of Hate (4:52)
4. Faith in Lies (4:17)
5. Damnation's Wings (5:25)
6. Revolution Within (4:17)
7. Epitaph (5:19)
8. Bring Only Pain (7:38)
9. Descent (4:58)
10. Firewalker (7:18)

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