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CHROME DIVISION

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TEMPTATION



BEST OF 2018

Did your favourite make our top 50?



After five years without an album and the band almost breaking up 'Resist' sees the return of...

section but instead roasts out with a venomous riff and blasted section, and then twists and contorts through various time changes and riffs.

What this will never win the most original album of the year title, any thrasher should check it out.

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MARTIN HARRIS

BROKEN WITT REBELS

'Snake Eyes'
Rock/Blues Rock
Switzerland



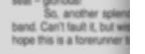
Birmingham's finest offering, Broken Witt Rebels are back with a four-track EP a whole two years after their last



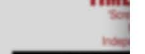
single 'Snake Eyes' is a real just as you might expect, it's never samey at all. It's first is mellow, with a nice, little Kings Of Leon but we bang' is steady, gruff, threatening, this is the best. Or it's a sexy little blues in west - growl!

So, another splendid band. Can't fault it, but we hope this is a forerunner!

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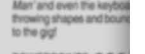
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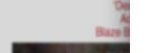
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BLAZE



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Even this version of his and Master's own '24' with some heretic tweaks from Zeigler, although it doesn't really give us anything new, but bonus 'One More Step', it's dropped back, woebag tale with the lyric 'It's do or do not, do or die' works beautifully. And the ten-minute Celtic and almost symphonic version of 'Sign Of The Cross' trumps them all, the song revealing an inner power as it is unclothed.

The surely isn't unexpected. Blaze lives for music, loves music and wants us to hear it. By using his full voice rather than dampening it to match the acoustics, it really makes this an event and unlike most other albums of this nature. Something special, this is acoustic but never thin.

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STEVE SWIFT

GINGER WILDHEART

TIME SHIFTERS

'Screaming Heroes'
Punk Rock
Independent Release



Timeshifters are a punk rock 'n' roll outfit from Prague in Czech Republic, fronted by Karolina Dvorakova. Here they announce themselves on the scene with an impressive debut album, 'Screaming Heroes'. There are definite nods to the past, from Ramones to L7, Sex Pistols and even the Pretenders in places. Opener

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MARK LACEY

to life. An exceptional concept album that would sit comfortably alongside 'Operator Mindzone'.

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SALVA

'Of The Deep End'
Progressive Hard Rock/Metal
White Knight



Of The Deep End is the perfect title for Swedish band Salva's fifth album. I don't think I've listened to an album with so much going on for some time; it veers from Deep Purple hard rock to seventies prog, symphonic metal and folk, with every an odd dash of jazz for good measure. It's mad, but not

access is that it's so interesting next, but the impressive part makes it all seemlessly. The of tracks called 'Clarify' four to link together but sounding well, I really like the imaginative bits, blending the music together

Salva are a set of very imposing layout of such a diverse project, for operatic, semi-instrumental and produce a symphonic

End is a rock album, one which while, unusual and musically

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KEITH BRYANT

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Prate melodic death metal from Krakow? Well, it's certainly that Vane are, in my opinion, a game sight better than the comedy value of Alestorm. Full of snarling guttural riffs underpinned by some catchy melodies, this debut release is well worth a listen. With a locker full of sea shanty tales from the golden

my under Blackbeard, Rise To is, this is an album full of passion

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