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HellXHere - HellXHere

2011

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HellXHere is a French heavy metal outfit which is the collaboration of two main figures, Mirwan and Fred Hamm. Four years after their first meeting the time came during the middle of 2011 for their self-titled debut album to see the light of day. Despite the European ground upon which they set their base, there's an intense American air breathing through the compositions, a wind blowing from the Metallica/Megadeth steppe. Every now and then these elements are pretty intense, yet they manage to marry them with a heavy touch of melody, which has to be the European heavy metal heritage running in their veins I presume.

Both the main figures behind HellXHere are guitarists and this clue is very important while listening to their music. Why? Because whenever you see a solo coming your way, it actually appears, it's not your intuition, they're quite generous concerning solo matters and they're not keeping them safe in a bank account for future needs. They want to solo? They solo, as simple as that and they're doing a pretty good work. The vocals are somewhere between Hetfield (Metallica), Anselmo (Pantera era) and Peavy Wagner (Rage, Smolski era) and resemble more to one of the three according to what every specific passage asks for. A good work has been done on the riffing matter as well, at times heavy with a stench of melody, at others with a thrash-driven edge, without exaggerating though. As for the rhythm section? It has an accompanying yet intense role, fulfilling its task just like it should, fierce or gentle according to the circumstances.

HellXHere have potential and managed to release a decent work of heavy metal, apparently the flame's been burning for so long inside Mirwan and Fred that the outcome turned out to be passionate and sincere to their influences. Their debut work is a pleasant listen of a born too late band, the choice is always yours.

Website: http://www.hellxhere.com/

Performance: 9
Songwriting: 7
Originality: 6
Production: 8

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