

Reviews from Voices from the Darkside:

KRYPTS

Krypts (7" EP)
(Detest Records)
12:38min

Two new tracks by the mighty KRYPTS from Finland. This time the sound might be a bit "cleaner" than on the vinyl 12", but it is by no means a sign of weakening. These lads still manage to come up with high standard Death Metal the obscure and crawling way. Even though it has links to the typical Finnish and Swedish Death Metal sound, I sense a good dose of AUTOPSY worship in these tunes. Really it is quite close to the feeling of HOODED MENACE, yet a bit more melodic. One of the few bands of the New Wave Of Old School Death Metal coming from the North that actually has something solid enough for my unmerciful tastes, haha! 'Descending Of Tormenting Darkness' is a slow and muddy fucker that quickly turns you addicted, thanks to haunting guitar lines and heavy dead beats. Whereas 'Putrefied Into Nothingness' has some very mesmerizing riffs for a faster side of the band. These deathsters have the magic in their tunes. Highly recommended!
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STENCH OF DECAY

Visions Beyond Death (7" EP)
(Detest Records)
11:04min

After a quite good demo, STENCH OF DECAY strikes back with their first EP. The heavy guitars sustain and hooking riffs are still there. 'Vision Beyond Death' starts as a typical mid tempo Death Metal anthem. As soon as the voice comes in it spontaneously reminds of DEMIGOD's 'Dead Soul' on the classic "Slumber Of Sullen Eyes" album. Same goes for 'The Endless Void', yet the guitar solo at the beginning of the song gives a quite good touch to the morbid vibe surrounding the record. So you can understand that there are much worse influences or comparisons in the world, but it also might be the "weak" point of this quite good Death Metal offering. It sometimes bears a too strong mark of the predecessors. I would need a slight emancipation from the roots to fully enjoy this offering. Don't get me wrong though. It is a very solid record, and those who like their Death Metal without big surprises might be delighted. I just miss this little hard to describe spark to get fully into it. Still, those who enjoyed the demo will surely find their lethal dose of good old Death Metal with this new EP. www.myspace.com/stenchofdecay, www.detestrecords.com

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