

## **VICIOUS RUMORS – “CRUSHING THE WORLD” DVD**

The name VICIOUS RUMORS is not new to me. In fact I was their fan ever since their second LP “Digital Dictator” came out. I remember that their mix of fabulous vocals, exploding guitar sound and great rhythm section just blew me away, and I always wondered why they lost their contract with Shrapnel records after this album. I read that Mike Varney of Shrapnel Records was not “pleased” with the new guitarist Mark McGee because he thought that no one could replace Vinnie Moore (?!). This was clearly understatement because Mark was more into this band than Vinnie, who was always a solo player and who needed his own band which was “bigger than his head”.

Then came the Atlantic years with some outstanding albums that were maybe the best in the genre: “Vicious Rumors” and “Welcome to the Ball”. On this DVD you will see that the majority of the songs are from this great period, such as: *Down To The Temple*, *On The Edge*, *Only Live Twice*, *Don’t Wait For Me*, *Abandoned...* You can see and hear the band that gives their maximum on stage no matter if they play in small clubs in front of 1000 people or on festivals in front of 20 000; their delivery is always the same – FULL FRONTAL ASSAULT!!!! Really, the new members are great and they have an enormous task of replacing the musicians who made the studio albums sound outstanding – great Mark McGee on guitar, Larry Howe on drums (who is again in the band), Dave Starr on bass and one and only Carl Albert. In fact there is a surprise on this DVD – the song *Lady Took A Chance* recorded at the Marquee club on Digital Dictator tour in 1988. It is a pity that the recording of this whole concert isn’t included here, or any old recording for that matter, and for this I’m giving this dvd 9. Also there are four original videos recorded for MTV – *Don’t Wait for Me*, *Children*, *Against The Grain* and *The Voice*.

So if you are into this band or into great US West Coast metal, you will find this DVD satisfying. Just sit back and enjoy the ride.

Rating 9/10

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