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[Self-Financed, 2006]

Tracklist:

01. The Sojourner (Confined)
02. The Brawler (Affliction)
03. The Corruptor (Righteous)
04. The Scapegoat (Revenge)
05. The Alchemist (Infernal)
06. The Assassin (Guilt)
07. The Swindler (Loss)
08. The Mystic (Antipathy)
09. The Jester (Despair)
10. The Priest (Depraved)

Although Greg Rappaport has released three more albums, I haven't heard any of his works up until now. As his bio states, his focus is to combine progressive metal with fusion jazz, a pretty accurate description i might add.

So in this instrumental release Greg mixes -always through a prism of pure rock energy- 7string riffs with jazzy chords and a twist of funk, especially in the bass playing. The end result is a wide variety of sounds and styles, while each progression smoothly succeeds the other in every song of this album, leaving you with a "what did just happen??" expression. And for some that might question him as a guitarist, be warned, for he will shred your ears with his lightning fast playing and mastery of techniques. His jazzy leads reminded me more of Allan Holdsworth, while his shredding solos bear the sign of modern rock guitarists like Joe Satriani.

What s also worth mention is that all bass and keyboard parts are played by Greg, who is also responsible for the programming of the drums and the awesome production (home made by the way). Of course these parts are very good too, but again the guitar is what monopolizes every song.

My only complain about this work -as well as lots of other records from virtuosos- is that there are moments where Greg shows off and repeats himself with his technical abilities, instead of making a more productive use of it. Good thing is that happens only a few times, keeping the record interesting for the average listener.

Rating: 8/10

Reviewer:George Katsoris



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Band info

Genre:
Instrumental Jazz/Fusion/Metal

Country:
U.S.A.

Official Website(s):
www.gregrapaport.com

Label's Website(s):
[-www.gregrapaport.com](http://www.gregrapaport.com)

Current Line-up
Greg Rapaport (all instruments)

- Discography**
- Nero [1998]
 - Waiting For Darker Skies [1998]
 - Artifacts [1999]
 - Wyrd [2001]
 - Azrael Block [2003]
 - [Homunculus \[2006\]](#)

Ratings Guide

- 10/10: Divine intervention!!!
- 9/10: Metal monument
- 8/10: Diamonds are forever
- 7/10: This is really good, don't hesitate&
- 6/10: Good second choice, make a notice here
- 5/10: To be or not to be? Identity crisis
- 4/10: You must be joking!
- 3/10: Don't even think about it!
- 2/10: Maybe you can use it as a Frisbee, who knows?
- 1/10: Even a drill can produce better tunes
- 0/10: Run for your lives!!!

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