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GALLOWS POLE: This Is Rock - Album

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The artwork looks metal, and they probably want to be a hard rock band, but in the end this is just heavier rock. It could have been worse though. They could have sucked for example. But luckily they don't. On the other hand it's not exactly like I have found a new favorite band either. You could say that there's a little bit of both here - Some songs are pretty o.k., while others are not so interesting.

Who do I think is going to like this then? Well, I'm not sure.. Boring people who listen to The PRETENDERS maybe? Just a wild guess..

This is the 9th album from this Austrian band, where they get an extra touch from female singer Dina Höblinger. It's still mainly male vocals though. But without her this would probably have been even more boring.

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ATTENTAT: Punkhjärta - Album

(Busy Bee)



I don't really know what drives them after all these years, and what makes them want to continue to play. But I'm happy that they do it.

Swedish band ATTENTAT formed as a punk band in 1978, but they soon developed to a more melodic band, and more or less some kind of catchy rock instead, but always with very sing-along friendly choruses. After a few years with albums and tours, they split up for a few years before they came back again in the early 90s. Then it became silent again, just a gig here and there through the years. But suddenly they were back for real again, and an album, "Fy Fan!", was released in 2013. Since then they have been playing once in a while, but no new album until now.

Now it's already 6 years since the last album, and I don't think I have been listening to it that much since then, but wasn't it more angry and more speed on that record? Because the songs here are either catchy or laidback, and not much anger. So even though it's called "Punkhjärta" (Punk Heart), it's not much punk here. But you can still hear it somehow, that it's old punk rockers who have made this rock album. So I guess it's not totally wrong to call it punk rock anyway.

Is it any good then, or is it bad? Well, their last album was damned good, but this is definitely not bad either. Everything might not be so interesting though - The punk ballad "Esmeralda" for example is a little pathetic, and "Pissa På", where they combine dub-reggae with fast punk, is hardly one of their stronger sides.

This album grow stronger the more I listen, so there's still hope for this band. And as usual they go all in and deliver with big passion and joy.

Now I'm going to listen some more to this album..

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The DARKNESS: Heart Explodes - Single

(Cooking Vinyl)

Main focus for this British band use to be straddled rock anthems with ironic lyrics and Justin Hawkins' special vocals. But this song seems to be a little bit more silent than what I'm used to hear from The DARKNESS, but yet damned good. What a song! This is fucking excellent! Questions on that? I don't think so. Just listen to it.

This is a taste of their upcoming album "Easter Is Cancelled", which will be released on October 7. "Heart Explodes" is

