

TEN - Gothica (Japanese Edition) [2017]

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1. *The Grail* 2. *Jekyll And Hyde* 3. *Travellers* 4. *Man For All Seasons* 5. *In My Dreams* 6. *The Wild King Of Winter* 7. *Paragon* 8. *Welcome To The Freak Show* 9. *La Luna Dra-cu-la* 10. *Into Darkness* 11. *Paragon (Bonus Mix)* Gary Hughes - vocals Dann Rosingana - guitar Steve Grocott - guitar John Halliwell - guitar Darrel Treece-Birch - keyboards Steve McKenna - bass Max Yates – drums

TEN is without any doubt one of the most respectful melodic hard rock bands out there. Having released some amazing records in their career, TEN strike back with their brand new opus, entitled "Gothica", and promise to be one of their strongest collections of songs to date.

This time TEN are walking into some new music territories (modern/darker/heavier), without losing their trademark which is the melody, and at the end achieve to create a great album all the way. Hughes is joined once again by Guitar players Dann Rosingana, Steve Grocott and John Halliwell. Along with Bass player Steve McKenna, Keyboard Maestro Darrel Treece-Birch and Drummer Max Yates.

The opening tune of "The Grail" is really impressive and extremely interesting. Heavier with a 'darker' vibe but with a strong hook and chorus "The Grail" put us immediately into the new album mood. The straight forward rocker of "Jekyll And Hyde" takes command while "Travellers" is just awesome!! The classic TEN sound was transformed to fit perfectly in 2017 with a stunning guitar solo and with Hughes passionate vocals this one is pure gold. The 7-minute long tune of "A Man For All Seasons" is yet another highlight out of the new album. An epic song that features some really magical keys by Birch. Excellent, just excellent!! The up-tempo "In My Dreams" rocks in a very positive way, it's super catchy and commercial and I simply love it!!! I like a lot the bluesy "Paragon" and the punchy modern rocker of "Welcome To The Freak Show".

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TEN with their brand new album continue to deliver high quality and heartfelt melodic hard rock music with passion, great arrangements and an excellent musicianship. Ten in "Gothica" sounds a bit different from their previous works but for sure this new opus is one of the best records that this great band has ever released. --- heavyparadise.blogspot.com

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