



Hails to all patrons of music! We at Melody Maniac realise that there is a huge underground scene for rock bands and artists alike from Kandy to impart great rocking music all around so we would like to ask these bands to come out of their shells and give us a holler! The low-down from the gig scene is that some Maldivian rockers are planning to cause chaos with some of our local outfits for a huge event they will reveal very

As of now, confirmation on bands and who's gonna help steer this production is still vet undecided. Anyway we at MM will give our best views on it so we shall keep our eyes and ears open. Drop a line on nilma@sundayobserver.lk



### METAL LOW-DOWN



#### Merlock

Merlock after causing millions of heads to go bang and hearts to break with 'Crimson Skies'. released another track titled 'Disclosure'. Even though it doesn't really catch up to the hit 'Crimson Skies', it is a commendable effort. I guess metal lovers here will always crave Merlock!



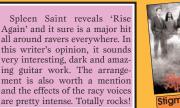
Karmic Sulphur is a real example of a band in this country. Not only are they blessed with incredible talent but brains too. They have a budding doc, a qualified architect, a journo, a banker and an upcoming engineering specialist! Careful ladies, heard they have significant others but that doesn't mean that they don't like to have groupies around.



The 10 Second Rule gig was the time when Hollow Point Halo fans were elated to wit-nessed their rare performance, in the flesh. However, it was a little disappointing that they didn't perform 'Black-Eyed Lullaby'. Hopefully in the future, HPH dudes Marsh and Ranil will come back onstage and offer a solution for those starving for their music.

Tantrum

Rumour has is that Fantrum lead Javeen has been under the wave trying to get spitfire bands down for a mega gig. The theme will be 'Peace' and it might be held in the 3rd or 4th week of March. In the shadow of Tantrum, Merlock, Fallen Grace and head-bangers Kandv Paranoid Earthling have been tipped to rock it live so far!



Stigmata have finished 6 songs for their 3rd album for which Suresh says they haven't really nailed that right name. Their 'My Malice' video was officially released at 'My Bloody Valentine' and Stig hunters can check it on YouTube or their myspace website. This vid is wow!

#### **Malediction of Veracity** (From the demo "Blasphemy is our Throne") by

## Funeral in Heaven

Members: Chathuranga Fonseka, Ayesh Perera, Vinodh Perera, Dimuthu Fernando and Rogger Schales

#### Lyrics: Chathuranga Fonseka

Mechanized into a religious device, at an age where we were naive, defenceless and could barely verbalize for ourselves.

speared with the premise of God into our intellect, enslaved into the sepulchre of the 10 commandments and hang by our necks with the golden chain, baptised, 'The freedom to choose' trained to march the bridge from life to death, paved by the translucent hands of the initiator.

We have to conduct ourselves as slaves to our foetal bearers and protectors

We can't subsist as we crave, we are stitched with nylon rules, and authoritative mechanical arms pierced into our fleshy tissues; bleeding with rebellious venom

#### **LYRICS ZONE**

**OBSERVER INTERNATIONAL TOP 10** BAND SONG

- **\* FOO FIGHTERS \* SEETHER \* LINKIN PARK**

- **\* FOO FIGHTERS**
- \* AVENGED SEVENFOLD ALMOST EASY
- **\* RISE AGAINST**
- **\* RADIOHEAD**
- **\* THE BRAVERY \* PUDDLE OF MUDD**

**OBSERVER VOTING COUPON** 

THE GOOD LEFT UNDONE THE BODYSNATCHERS BELIEVE **PSYCHO** 

THE PRETENDER

FAKE IT

#### LONG ROAD TO RUIN SHADOW OF THE DAY CRUSHCRUSHCRUSH



#### **OBSERVER LOCAL TOP 10** SONG

- Arrack Attack
- \* Rise Again
- \* Crimson Skies

- \* Morphine

#### **BAND/ARTIST**

- PowerCut Circus
- Spleen Saint
- Merlock
- Wagon Park
- Grey Mind Domain - Hollow
- Tantrum
- Icarus
- Funeral in Heaven
- Karmic Sulphur - 10 Second Rule

Name: Email: Telephone Number: Observer Local/International Band/Artist: Sona(s):

song (can be both) by filling the coupon here with your contact details. The winners who vote for the most popular song will be in for a rocking treat with tickets to the hottest gigs in the country and plenty of more surprises! Please send your coupons to Melody Maniac, c/o Sunday Observer magazine, Sunday Observer, No.35, D.R.Wijewardena Mawatha, Colombo-10.

Vote for your favourite Observer Local or International

Votes will be tallied and the chart will be reshuffled so start voting now before you lose out on the action!

- \* Jingy Bingy Blues \* Out of my Mind \* Sweet Betrayal \* Bleeding Compassion \* Lullaby
- \* Malediction of Veracity
- Help Me Understand





# Stigmata