



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 soon.

As of now, confirmation on bands and who's gonna help steer this production is still yet 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



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

Funeral in Heaven

Members: Chathuranga Fonseka, Ayesha 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.

spared with the promise 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

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

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.



HPH

The 10 Second Rule gig was the time when Hollow Point Halo fans were elated to witness 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 it that Tantrum lead Javeen has been under the wave trying to get spit-fire 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 Kandy head-bangers Paranoid Earthling have been tipped to rock it live so far!



Spleen Saint

Spleen Saint reveals 'Rise Again' and it sure is a major hit all around ravers everywhere. In this writer's opinion, it sounds very interesting, dark and amazing guitar work. The arrangement is also worth a mention and the effects of the racy voices are pretty intense. Totally rocks!



Stigmata

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!

OBSERVER INTERNATIONAL TOP 10

BAND	SONG
* FOO FIGHTERS	LONG ROAD TO RUIN
* SEETHER	FAKE IT
* LINKIN PARK	SHADOW OF THE DAY
* PARAMORE	CRUSHCRUSHCRUSH
* FOO FIGHTERS	THE PRETENDER
* AVENGED SEVENFOLD	ALMOST EASY
* RISE AGAINST	THE GOOD LEFT UNDONE
* RADIOHEAD	THE BODYSNATCHERS
* THE BRAVERY	BELIEVE
* PUDDLE OF MUDD	PSYCHO



OBSERVER LOCAL TOP 10

SONG	BAND/ARTIST
* Arrack Attack	- PowerCut Circus
* Rise Again	- Spleen Saint
* Crimson Skies	- Merlock
* Jingy Bingy Blues	- Wagon Park
* Out of my Mind	- Grey Mind Domain
* Sweet Betrayal	- Hollow
* Bleeding Compassion	- Tantrum
* Lullaby	- Icarus
* Malediction of Veracity	- Funeral in Heaven
* Morphine	- Karmic Sulphur
* Help Me Understand	- 10 Second Rule

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