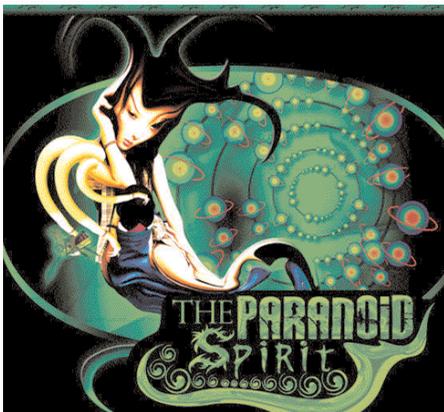




Welcome to a brand new edition of the MM page, which is the only weekly dedicated music page to bring out those who are 'unheard' of in this part of the world. This week we bring you the low-down of the recently concluded 'Paranoid Spirit'. It was a superb show and we hope the awesome Kandy and Colombo metallers who performed will be back in action to live it up again. Further on, we offer space for new bands and they are invited to get in touch with us.
 For details on gigs and metal low-down please email on nilma@sundayobserver.lk

METAL MELT-DOWN

PARANOID SPIRIT



This is definitely one of the best gigs that Colombo has experienced. Kandy dudes who are arty metal types Forsaken gave a superb performance despite the setbacks at the start. Yet they proved that no matter where you come from, music unites everyone. They started with 'Destiny' which oozed out with a melodic tune. The next songs

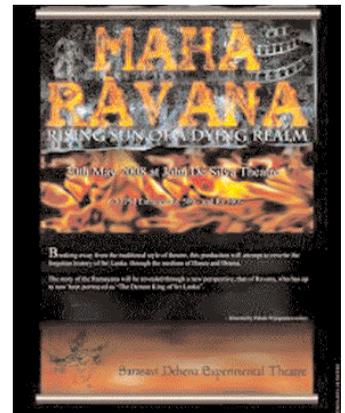
were 'Stalking Reality', 'Blackened' and they went onto cover that Megadeath number 'Shewolf' possibly a firm favourite amongst the crowd. Ending with 'Screaming with Vengeance', Forsaken were not forsaken onstage but really tackled the rage! Next up was extremely hot Sword of the Spirit (SoS). I swear the stage was literally on fire with Hasyth, Javeen and the rest of SoS wreaking havoc to death (literally). They caused chaos with mind-numbing hits like 'Doorway to the Other Side', 'Insurgence of Babylon', 'Broken Chains that bound us', 'Hypocrite', 'Pit Decorum', 'Blinded by the Wrong Eye'

and 'Wrath' including a few covers of songs by Mudvayne, Pantera Machine Head and Lamb of God. The show courtesy them was dynamic especially with topless Hasyth going crazy all over the place. The climatic change Paranoid Earthling resumes back to the stage after quite awhile with Mirshad taking on the town with the band's stuff namely 'Half Cast', 'In Black and White', 'Bringing Down the Sun', 'The Highway', 'My Swine' and a superb rendition of that Pink Floyd scene 'Another Brick in the Wall'. The Paranoid Earthling CD inclusive of their latest songs along with one from Sword of the Spirit was hidden under the couches at the Club Nuovo. The fortunate who was lucky enough to find these kept it but I am sure the Paranoid types will ensure their album will be released soon for everyone to listen to their flow.

Maha Ravana

This spectacular concert will be revealed to all patrons of music on the May 30 at the John de Silva Theatre.

It is a concert that is a tribute to the Great King Ravana who has been a powerful symbol to Sri Lanka. Be prepared to witness a musical extravaganza that will leave you amazed!

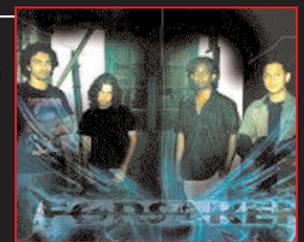


LYRICSZONE

BLACKENED

(UNEDITED VERSION)

by FORSAKEN



Take my sorrows off of me!/Maybe I am not left to see!/Blackened days let be, let it be!/It's been hard when I am weak!

Numbered days filled within/They will know where to begin/Drag the waters from my eyes/Spared my arms to the empty skies

Another place I cannot find anymore/Another face I cannot see/Darkness creeping to my eyes I am blind/I feel the voice in your mind/Numbered days filled within/They will know where to begin/Drag the waters from my eyes/Spared my arms to the empty skies

METAL GRINDER

Merlock



Word has it that Merlock will be launching their album very soon within the next two months with a massive launch. Lead dude Dumidu didn't reveal much but we hear they are cooking a spicy Merlock surprise that will be dished out very soon!

Empyre Studios



Rogger Kenneth of Funeral in Heaven who has recently got his own studio - Empyre - running will invite his expertly musical mate Daniel Arlington to open a 'Guitar Clinic' for the benefit of all rock-minded guitarists here. They are under the grapevine organising a 'biggie' gig to enlighten our folk on the true art of mayhem. Those who want a spice of international flavour will be lucky to obtain an insight as to what's really going on in the world today.

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	3. FALLING DOWN	ATREYU
	4. SALUTE UR SOLUTION	THE RANCONTEURS
	5. IT'S NOT MY TIME	THREE DOORS DOWN
	6. BELIEVE	THE BRAVERY
	7. HANDLEBARS	FLOBOTS
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10. PUSH YOUR HEAD	THE EDITORS	
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	3. BROKEN CHAINS	SWORD OF THE SPIRIT
	4. EYE OF THE CROWN	DINELLI AND LOA
	5. CHAMBER OF PAIN	MERLOCK
	6. BLIND	RESTRICTED
	7. ALPHA MEETS OMEGA	STIGMATA
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