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DARK TERRITORY

Dark Territory - Libera Me

Dark Territory is a side project of the Dutch dance producer duo Lemonsoul. I got to know about Lemonsoul because they made a stunning remix for 'Transmission' by the Australian electro/ebm project Angel Theory. Well, the gentlemen of Lemonsoul might have gotten inspiration through this job to start their own electronic project based on dark and melancholic atmospheres in the compositions. This project they called 'Dark Territory'. Both members of Lemonsoul have a musical background of years in various styles, for instance new wave and electro. Next to that, both members always had a passion for musicians touching darker and melancholic snares. This project thematically evidently doesn't come from out of nowhere.

The cd Libera Me starts with 'Ptolomea', an invocative track with a serene atmosphere and spoken word in the Latin language. 'Deliver me' is a slow electrotrack with laid-back melancholic moments which later on make place for aggressive fast moments as well. It also contains sonic elements which originate from modern trancemusic. 'Darkflower' again contains conjuring Latin vocals, but this time inbedded into a melancholic triphop scene. 'Tora Fiome' makes the listener go back in time to wake up again in renaissance Venice. A nice piece. 'Creator 1' is a track with hard hitting drums, pounding beats and catchy hooks. This track has also been added at the end of the cd in a different, more tranquil, version called 'Creator II'.

After a short intermezzo, also titled as such, the second part of the cd starts with the slow 'Vrijdag', a track with beautiful synth melodies, energetic percussion and a voice which reminds me, also in other tracks like 'Ankesuei', the exotic 'Trista Me' or the epic 'Kalandare', which remind me of Brendan Perry of Dead Can Dance fame.

It's nice to see that boundaries between musical styles disappear more and more and that from the techno and trance scene there's an increasing interest in electro, synthpop and ebm again. The hedonistic nineties are over and gone. Now it's time again for some contemplation and reflection on inner depth. (not death, would be gothic though ;) Gothic has become increasingly popular, more than ever before. This Libera Me cd of Dark Territory thus is a very well crafted modern electronic interpretation of gothic spheres.

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