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A JI-ENT MUSIC REVIEW

EU*PHORIA

SINGLE BED/Hey!

Sonic Groove

AVCD-16123/B(CD+DVD), AVCD-16124 (CD)

DURATION: 12:24

RELEASE DATE: February 14, 2007

01. SINGLE BED
02. Hey!
03. Valentine Jealousy

DVD:

Duration: 20 minutes, 4:3, Region 2

01. Hey! (Music Clip)
02. Valentine Jealousy (Music Clip)
03. SINGLE BED (Music Clip Making)
04. Offshot

You know, it might be a bit premature to say this so early but after listening to EU*PHORIA's debut CD single, I really see big things for this all-female band.

The band which consists of AYAKA (bass), SAWA SAWA (drums), SHOCO (vocals), REONA (keyboard) and TOMO TOMO (on guitar) can rock.

Sure, we have seen female bands such as WHITEBERRY (young girls that can rock) and ZONE (band that can sing) but with EU*PHORIA, not only do you get girls with the cute looks of a female idol group, these girls can rock and they can sing.

Their debut CD single is a cover of the popular SHARAN Q song "SINGLE BED". It may not carry the same emotional feeling that TSUNKU put into the original song but EU*PHORIA makes it their own style.

But as much as I enjoyed "SINGLE BED", my feeling is that "Hey!" and "Valentine Jealousy" are the songs that show off the talent of the girls.

"Hey!" has almost a late 80's or early 90's feel (it kind of reminded me of Japan female rock band "GO-BANGS") to it.

The music playing on this song is so frakkin' awesome that I was very excited about this group. I was asking myself if these girls are really playing the instruments on this song because if they are, these girls kick ass! Especially the guitar solo. I'm very impressed!

The third track "Valentine Jealousy" is another amazing well-played song and SHOCO's vocals truly compliment the music on this track.

The song again was hard-hitting and again, I ask myself... are these girls really playing? Because these girls can rock!

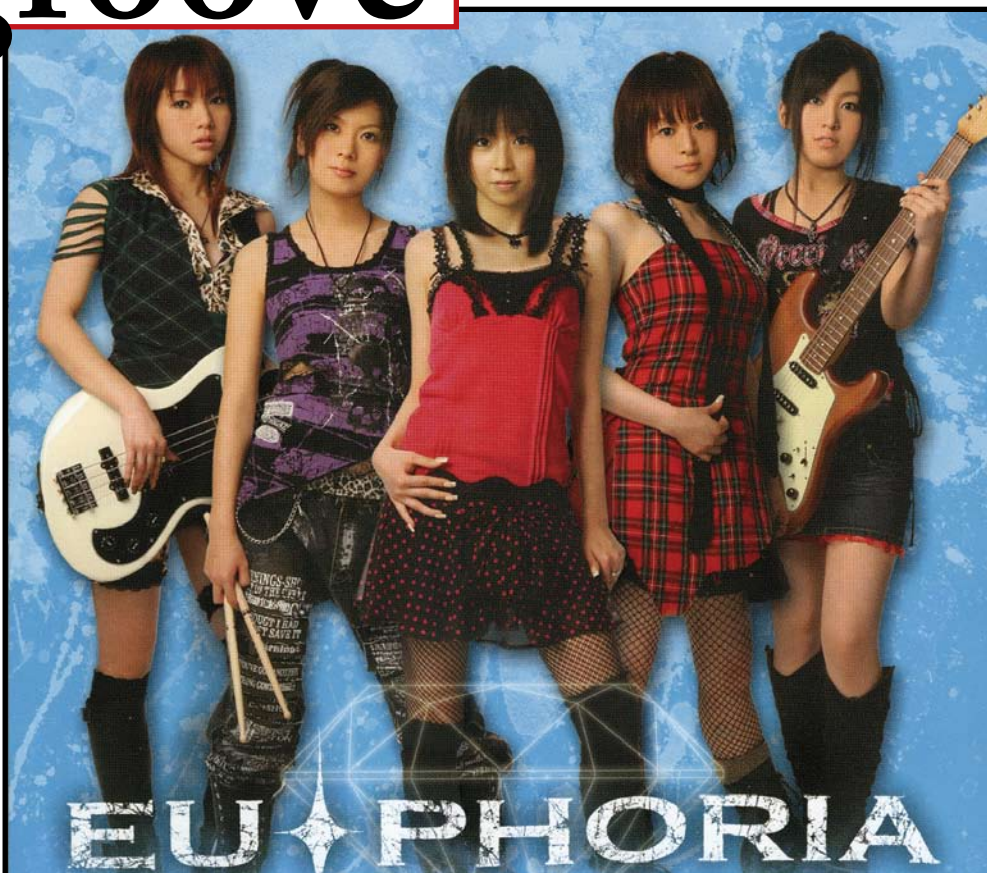
The DVD is pretty cool. Showing off the music videos and the making of "SINGLE BED" and an off-shot of the girls behind-the-scenes.

I feel that one of the big tests for this band is if they can look and sound this good is if they can really play this good in a live performance.

Because if they do... this is a band to keep your eyes on.

For more information, please visit their website at: www.avexnet.or.jp/euphoria

— DENNIS A. AMITH



< Not only do they look good, they can also play!

It's the debut of EU*PHORIA and their first rockin' CD single release is simply awesome!

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RE-INCARNATED?

For those who miss JUDY AND MARY, you will love ketchup mania.

ketchup mania

EVERYTIME MUSIC FREAK

K.O.G.A Records

Duration: 20:37

8 tracks total

It's definitely been a good year so far for ketchup mania.

The band which features HIRO (vocals), DAI (guitar), YOSEI (bass) and WAI (drums) was recently signed to a major contract with record label, TOY'S FACTORY and are set to release their first major album in May 2007 titled "U*R*G*E".

Their first mini-album "EVERYTIME MUSIC FREAK" came out in 2003 but is now currently available in the US via JapanFiles.com.

The album has a great mix of hard hitting rock music and almost very punkish in style (think GREEN DAY), that will draw comparisons to popular 90s



Japanese rock band JUDY AND MARY.

In fact, if you were a big fan of JAM and have been in a withdrawal since the band called it quits, definitely check out ketchup mania.

Although HIRO's voice is not as high as YUKI's, their style is similar and I enjoyed their music on this mini-album a lot. I think you will as well.

For more information on ketchup mania, please visit their official website at: www.ketchup-maniacom