

Turunen, when she sings with her best soprano voice, which she can see as a big compliment here. Besides Marjolein, the band consists of Martijn In 't Veld on keyboards, Didier Roumen on guitars, Rob van Dijk on guitar and brutal male grunts, Marco Brugmans on bass and Marc Jaspers on drums. "Waiting For A New Day" starts off very happy at first and I would almost call it the odd one out on the album, but the keyboard solo in the middle of the song lifts it up to another great song, that fits very well to the rest of the album. An album, that contains thirteen tracks (including an USA bonus track), and has a playing time of almost a full hour. An hour, in which SYLVER MYST reveals their emotions and wins the heart of another listener. Website: <http://www.silvermyst.nl>. [8 points] (Toine van Poorten)

TEMUJIN-1000 Tears (independent)

TEMUJIN hails from Australia, and mainly consists of two people. We have Karl Lean (ex-NOTHING SACRED) on guitars, bass and drums and Kelly on vocals and keyboards. On this debut album we also hear Buddy Snape and Sham Hughes on guitars. The thirteen songs have a playing time of about a full hour. The music of TEMUJIN is a mix of fantasy metal and goth metal with a touch of dark, doomy metal, all with the riffing guitar of Karl as centrepiece and backed by the dreamy vocals of Kelly, the final result is a pleasure to listen to. The guitar solos of Karl make this dreamy music sound heavy. It's like two artists have agreed on a compromise here. Kelly adding her beautiful voice to the songs, as long as Karl can play his loud riffing and solos as well. This may sound like a strange agreement, but it works quite well and prove is given on this debut album. "Spiral" is a short instrumental track, in which Karl shows us that he can also play the bass guitar very well. "Blue Jay" is one of the highlights on the album for me, because of the energetic power it contains. In "Taken" you will hear, that the voice of Kelly shows some resemblance to Anneke van Giersbergen (ex-THE GATHERING, now AGUA DE ANNIQUE), Christina Scabbia (LACUNA COIL) and Amy Lee (EVANESCENCE). "Sheltered" is another song, in which Karl shows his skills with some flashing guitarwork. While in "Throwing Stones", Karl adds some male vocals to the album as well. Considering the fact, that this band did everything by themselves, we can say that "1000 Tears" has become a beautiful debut album, where power and emotion are in perfect balance with each other in every song. The bands My Space site can be found at <http://www.myspace.com/temujin1> [7 points] (Toine van Poorten)

3 KISSES-Nut Job (independent)

3 KISSES hails from Austin, Texas. Their sixteen track album "Nut Job" is worthy of forty-five minutes of party punk rock music. They open with "Let's Dance", which sounds a bit like "Footloose" by KENNY LOGGINS. The other songs could be categorized as very catchy party punk rock in the well-known DONNAS, JET, BLONDIE, OFFSPRING or RAMONES tradition. "Pass Me By" has got a nice break at the end of the song. Most songs are in the well-known three minute range, which keeps them tight, short and catchy. So it's a real pleasure to listen to songs like "Girls' Night", "Undone" and "Change It All". You will sing the words right from the beginning. That's the magic of writing good songs. And as this is already their third album, 3 KISSES is not unknown to this phenomenon. They have been playing over two hundred and fifty shows, since they were founded in the beginning of 2004, which is more than average I should say. 3 KISSES consists of Tish Meeks on vocals, lead guitar, rhythm guitar and keyboards, Tony Meeks on lead guitar, rhythm guitar and backing vocals, John Amelang on bass and backing vocals and Tim Legan on drums. Tish and Tony were featured in the famous television show "Wife Swapping" (similar to "Jouw Vrouw, Mijn Vrouw" in Holland), where they reached nine million viewers. The song "Swapping Wives" is to be heard on this album as well. In the normal version and in the acoustic version, which is a couple of seconds longer. As you can see, this band is ready to entertain your world in every way possible. Check them out at their website: <http://www.3kisses.com>. [7 points] (Toine van Poorten)