



metal is pretty much the only significant growth of this band. Not entirely a bad thing, since the formula has been proven successful. With this release, the formula works for about half the album, then their songs become a bit boring and repetitive. But if

said gospel) all mixed-up in one. Much departed from their previous works, you might like BRMC's new direction, but I don't. -MTHammer

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some great psychedelic/melodic backgrounds and melodies in tracks such as "The Strings of North Egg," "Tiny Brains," "Follow Moon," and "Golden." The guitar solos are smooth and complement the songs well, and the bass lines are rolling throughout. Overall the group does a fantastic job meshing as one, and that is what I like the most. I can't pinpoint my favorite track on the album, they are all good. I would definitely recommend this album to anyone who likes classic rock, blues, or even progressive/electronica music. -Garrett Link

energy metal/ punk/ gospel all mixed into one meaty sandwich. If the riffs and drums don't get you, I'm sure their humor, wardrobe and theatrics will. -Jason C

Stellastarr*
"Harmonies for the Haunted"
 (RCA Records)

If you have never heard Stellastarr* before, you are missing something important. Rooted in Brooklyn, Stellastarr* has long been loved by New York City. With a style all-their-own, it is hard to sum up their sound in a brief manner. Stellastarr* is a band that consists of subtly talented musicians, where if you have the ear to break down each track, you then hear what is special. The guitars are raw and at times carry with them an echo reminiscent of the Cure, while the bass steadily thumps the backbone. Arthur Kremer's drums are simplistically intricate and fill all voids with punk character. Singer Shawn Christensen's vocal anthems

Valient Thorr
"Total Universal Man"
 (Volcom Entertainment)

Recent Warped Tour sweethearts, Valient Thorr are keeping the momentum going and releasing their already hot "Total Universal Man" on 12 inch if you're into shit like that. If not, give the CD a listen and rock out to some ass-shaking, high-

