

# CD review - Imminent Sonic Destruction - Recurring Themes

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RATING FOR IMMINENT SONIC DESTRUCTION -RECURRING THEMES



Self indulgence is the privilege one earns after years of toil and suffering to hone your craft, Detroit progressive metal quintet, Imminent Sonic Destruction aka... ISD have indeed earned this right. The bands second album *Recurring Themes*, is a testament to the notion that an artist has to give everything they've got and leave nothing behind, as if you're given only one chance to make an impact.

ISD is the brain child of guitarist and vocalist Tony Piccoli, who wrote and self produced the Mellotron project in 2007 and recruited a super group of Detroit area players to perform his masterpiece. Former Tiles drummer Pat DeLeon who's playing emulates all the hero's of modern drumming from Peart to Portnoy,





A Weird Trick To TransformYour Lips Without Surgery? was institution and soon followed by bassist Bryan Paxton, Keyboardist Pete Hopersburger and talented multi instrumentalist Scott Thompson. The Bands dynamic live show gained them attention of metal and progressive rock fans and earned them opening slots for Dream Theater ,QueensRiche and more.

With like minded souls on board Piccoli set out to bring his idea of blending crushing guitar riffs with ethereal melodies and complex song

structures to fruition ,resulting in a 75 minute thrill ride. The opening track "Driving Home," weighing in at ten minutes in length is an accomplishment to be proud of. Most bands could have stopped right there satisfied with having given their all. The song wears all the bands influences on its sleeve as it flows through the lexicon of musical references from Zeppelin to Rush, to Genesis and Pantera and everything in between, it is simply a standalone epic.

But *ISD* is just getting warmed up and delivers eight more tracks and 65 more minutes of rhythmic mayhem blended with melodic explorations and sonic adventures. Much of the music may overwhelm the casual heavy music listener with it's long instrumental passages and cryptic interludes, while giving progressive fans a lot to chew on for years to come. *Recurring Themes* from Imminent Sonic Destruction is tantamount to a masterwork of indie music tenacity and sheer force of will; self indulgent to some, soul stiring to others.

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