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CD Review: 'Brimstone Butterfly'

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After the last CD I reviewed (Dark New Day), I was worried that I would have to take some aspirin before I popped my new assignment into the CD player. I was pleasantly surprised when I actually began to sing along. Yes, my roommates were looking at me like I was a spaz, but the lyrics are just that catchy. Silverline Records and 5.1 Entertainment have brought an amazingly talented group, Brimstone Butterfly, from Denmark to the U.S. with their new album "Normality Killed the Cat." (Why is it that America is always the last to pick up on remarkable treasures?)



Formed in 1996, Brimstone Butterfly knew that they wanted to stand out in a crowd of bands that closely resemble each other. Their ambition and determination led them to win various contests and play in many different venues for years. According to their Web site, they were finally signed in 1998 by Elap. On Oct. 4, their record was released in the U.S.

After only a few minutes, I knew I was going to enjoy this CD, and I went as far as putting it on my iPod. That says something about the quality of a fresh name on the music scene. The title track, as well as the song "Tunnelvision," had my head bobbing, an effect the Killers have on me as well. There is a similar sound between the two bands, but Brimstone Butterfly adds an 80s flair to their music. This new sound works well with the simple, yet memorable lyrics. The words aren't just there without reason; they make you contemplate decisions, love and life in general.

This band has the flair, spunk and energy that should take them places and increase their chances of making it big. Brimstone Butterfly is topping the charts in Denmark, and we're just a little late to realize their potential. Don't be surprised to see them performing on Jay Leno in the future, perhaps followed by landing a spot on a Target or Old Navy commercial. I always get those jingles stuck in my head for days-Brimstone's could be next.

Their album includes DVD performances and "making of" featurettes as well, allowing fans to catch a glimpse of the group's thoughts throughout the production process. The CD/DVD combination includes all 11 videos, bonus clips and some snapshots of the band in action. It's kind of like watching a cheaper version of "Making the Video" on MTV. However, it is more fun to

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It stinks

It needs improvement

I couldn't live without it

just listen to the songs and figure out what they mean to me rather than how they are portrayed in music videos.

After listening to the CD three times, I'm still not sick of it. Brimstone Butterfly is like a breath of fresh air, and I'm really looking forward to seeing their name in lights.

Grade: A-

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