Dead By Sunrise - Out Of Ashes (2009)



- 01. Fire
- 02. Crawl Back In
- 03. Too Late
- 04. Inside Of Me
- 05. Let Down
- 06. Give Me Your Name
- 07. My Suffering
- 08. Condemned
- 09. Into You
- 10. End Of The World
- 11. Walking In Circles
- 12. In The Darkness
- 13. Morning After (Bonus Track)

Chester Bennington - vocals Amir Derakh - guitar Ryan Shuck - guitar Brandon Belsky - bass Anthony Valcic - keyboards Elias Anda - drums

Linkin Park's Chester Bennington and his new band Dead By Sunrise. But the singer-songwriter is quick to stress that the name isn't simply a slogan or a neat word grouping - it comes from a real-life struggle he's still trying to reconcile.

"I'm a drinker," Bennington says. "And for far too long I was completely out of control, leading an existence and lifestyle that I'm definitely not proud of. There have been times where I literally thought, Oh my God, I might not wake up tomorrow - that's how bad it's been. So when I got this other group together, the name Dead By Sunrise stuck."

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For Bennington, who has shared stages with Paul McCartney, Jay-Z and The Doors, among others, and who, along with Linkin Park, has sold over 50 million albums, the need to record a album of his own with a new band wasn't a mere vanity project - it was a necessity.

"I had to write these songs," he says. "I had to purge them from my system. Call it catharsis, therapy - they had to come out. Linkin Park is a terrific vehicle for me, but it's not the be-all and end-all. I have a lot of different shades and textures to what I do, and thankfully I found the right bunch of guys who could help me do this material justice."

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Bennington is referring to ex-Orgy guitarists Amir Derakh and Ryan Shuck who round out Dead By Sunrise (the band performs live with bassist Brandon Belsky, drummer Elias Anda and keyboardist Anthony Valcic). On their debut album, Out Of Ashes, they crash their way through raging, harrowing rock (Fire, My Suffering) but they also slow things down for some surprisingly tender moments (Give Me Your Name, Into The Darkness).

"I don't want to say I'm more proud of this record than anything Linkin Park has done," says Bennington, "because obviously I'm very happy with all we've accomplished. But as the saying goes, 'This time it's personal,' and that's what this record really is for me. It's an accurate depiction of my moods and reflections, and I really dug deep to get it right." --- Joe Bosso, musicradar.com

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