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*1. The Quest 2. Where No One Else Will Know 3. Under The Old Oak Tree 4. A Plague Upon The Land 5. Within The Shade 6. Break The Chain 7. Fortress Of Kings* Kai Movagh - Drums, Percussion Amos Hart - Vocals, Keyboards, Accordion, Recorder, Guitars Nathan Beird - Vocals, Bass, Accordion, Mouth Harp Alice Kraynak - Violin, Vocals Brian Sebert - Guitars Chris Cozzi - Guitars Ashley Grygienc - Flute, Piccolo Self-released, recorded 9/9/2014 in Chicago, IL, USA.

From Chicago, the young band Eikthyrnir, formed in the current year, has already released their début full-length album named “Under the Old Oak Tree”. A description of the band’s music from their official Facebook page follows: Merging the genres of Folk and Power Metal with the virtuosity and technique of Progressive Rock while occasionally dipping into the ferocity of Black Metal, Eikthyrnir creates a journey for the listener in each song. With such a vast range of influence, the band crosses genres at a moment’s notice without any warning.

It’s indeed impressive to see such a young band release a début album with utterly high quality, strong musicianship and maturity. And the description is spot-on; the music is beautiful, atmospheric and energetic. They are like tales of misty lands far away and, eventually, you feel like you’re in a journey throughout these lands. It’s a very theatrical album.

As for the music, it is indeed varied, mostly composed of Folk and Power Metal, there are also hints of Black and Progressive Metal. The music is very well-executed and the number of instruments used on this release is pretty impressive. When listening to “Under the Old Oak Tree” you feel that the music is rich, exuberant... I really enjoyed this album and it has been a long time since I’ve actually liked a (new) more influenced Power Metal release.

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And when it comes to the album's production, it is satisfying, much better than I expected. I really hope these musicians stick together and work on future releases; they have showed that the potential to reach higher audiences is there. And that's what I ask of you, to support the band the way that is possible for you. Check them out and spread the word, please. I'm sure they will be grateful for all the help. --- metal-maniac.com

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