

Aesma daeva

Not at all like mixing bleach and ammonia: A blend of symphonic composition and metal instrumentation offers promising future of renewable entertainment resources

Aesma Daeva, a band based in Minneapolis, Minnesota, will be touring the continental United States and Canada this fall with Therion, a Swedish metal band. Both bands have blazed unique trails in the metal world, incorporating the elements of classical instruments and choirs. Both bands guarantee that you won't leave without a mind full of intriguing melodies and at least a small headache from head-banging and dancing.

Aesma Daeva and Therion have a prominent female presence in their bands—a rare factor in metal bands in the United States. Therion uses four singers, two male and two female. Aesma Daeva is fronted by Lori Lewis, who has been singing with the band since 2006. "It's time that metal music met its match: the soprano," she says. What more can you ask? She's dramatic, she's pumped full of estrogen and she's kicking ass and taking YOUR name.

Aesma Daeva has progressed significantly since its beginnings, mostly because the band is now a fully live venture while the first recordings were created primarily with a "studio" band. "We were invited to play wave gothic a few years ago, but we did not have a band," says Prassas, the band's leader.

So, how many members of Aesma Daeva have actually mixed bleach and ammonia? At least one. We sincerely hope you don't try this at home; instead, attend a show coming to a venue near you. And take home a CD to help dispel the clouds of uncertainty and confusion.

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