

EXOTERIK

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'DON'T SWALLOW'



(SELF-RELEASE)

Amid the European giants of goth and symphonic metal there's little competition from these shores. Leeds band Exoterik attempt to redress the balance with a distinctly British take on the genre. You can hear it most in the vocal delivery, production values and lyrics. Where Europe goes for operatic glory, Anneka Latta's singing is laid bare across a threatening undercurrent of chugging guitars and strings in songs such as 'Complicity' are kept to a minimum. While this creates the effect of intimacy, the music sometimes sounds thin on the ground and words about slashing wrists can come across as clichéd. Nevertheless, it's a passionate effort from a passionate band.

FOR FANS OF: Lacuna Coil, The Gathering, Guano Apes, Die So Fluid

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