

ARTIST: HENRIK NORDVARGR BJÖRKK
TITLE: Vitagen
CATALOG: ESS004
LABEL: ESSENCE MUSIC
FORMAT: CD
LENGTH: 52:08'
RELEASE DATE: 01.07.2005
PACKAGING: 6-panel digisleeve
PRESSING: 800 copies
TRACKLIST: steril
i see shadows
voidum
orgasmo nero
munus
surreal adaptation
omega
snokth
sesso nero (live improv)

From the shadowy Bohult cellar we present the definitive masterwork from the Nordic giant of modern dark ambient music, HENRIK NORDVARGR BJÖRKK!

Driven by obsessive ideas and an uncontrollable will of producing quality ambience, he's the man of many projects - **MZ.412**, **Folkstorm**, **Toroidh**, not to mention the successful recent collaboration with Masami Akita (aka **Merzbow**) -, but it's under his given name and very own grim fashion that Mr. Björkk delivers the most suffocating music around.

Carefully registered at night over a long period of time, the sounds used on "**Vitagen**" hail from a vast collection of strange sources - an old oiltank, axe, ESP, broken electronic equipments and slabs of concrete, to name a few. However, what makes his work even more intriguing is the amazing ability to concentrate in a deep black hole of sound elements of glitchy, cold elektronika amidst haunted and blackened minimalist atmospheres, building a foundation that permits himself to experiment with more rhythmic movements, slowly build and detailed drones, distant rumbles and disembodied voices. With this undisputable trademark, Nordvargr has managed to capture the spirit of bleakness like no other artist. The different shades of black and grey he paints with have never been more disturbing and at the same time more beautiful.

Initially scheduled for a double CD release, the decision was made by the artist to distill the work into one solid masterpiece due to the complexity of the material. He was right. "**Vitagen**" is a step further on his career and a real lesson on how dark ambient music can be challenging and innovative if produced by someone who really knows the right tricks.

Always committed in delivering the best sound and presentation, Essence Music invited the talent of **Peter Andersson** for the mastering and presents "**Vitagen**" housed in a custom **6-panel digisleeve packaging**.

WORDS ON PREVIOUS RELEASES:

"Planets imploding struggling to be heard through the deadness of space. A barely there smear of subsonic thrum, gorgeously serene, like a peaceful boat trip, drifting lazily down a river of black pitch, through the blackened caverns of the underworld. Definitely one of the most evocative, and brilliantly bleak collections of drone music in recent memory!" **Aquarius Records**

"Stunning in its scope and power this recording reminds you why music is such a powerful aphrodisiac. Henrik Nordvargr Björkk. We who are about to buy your latest offering thank you and salute you once again." **Aural Pressure**

"I am numb. I am assimilating to the otherworldliness of this environment. There is no turning back I find myself standing on the precipice of an abyss. The void of space is no longer silent. The tinkering of inhuman beings continue. Adjustments are made. I have been retrofitted with the equipment necessary for survival. I am imbued with knowledge that goes deeper than the intellect will allow verbal expression. The outlanders depart, leaving me on this brutal planet to continue my work. Again I am alone, but now with a gnosis of inexpressible profundity. There could be no other way." **Chain DLK**

DISCOGRAPHY:

- **Sleep Therapy**
8xCD box set (Old Europa Café, Italy, 2003)
- **On Broken Wings Towards Victory**
CD (Old Europa Café, Italy, 2004)
- **The Dead Never Sleep**
CD (Old Europa Café, Italy, 2005)

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