



CARNIVAL OF LOST SOULS

by Nox Arcana, 2006

21 Tracks, with a total running time of 102.53 min.

Last time out, Nox Arcana took us on a journey through the Carpathian mountains with their TRANSYLVANIA cd. But with their latest release, we don't have to go that far. Instead, we are taken to a place that is as close as the next town, but often more scary than any distant country. And that would be a carnival.

But don't just expect some simple twisted circus music here. Yes, there are some creeping organ and carousel music. But there is much more. As always, they give us that great gothic atmosphere that just seeps out from the speakers. It's almost like you're actually traveling with this carnival throughout the country. Each musical piece gives us images of this dark and brooding carnival, one that you wouldn't want to be at alone at night. Whether you're caught in the Hall of Mirrors, getting your fortune read by Madame Endora, avoiding the Snake Charmer, or just trying to escape the Theatre of Sorrows, you will soon realize you can't escape this nightmare.

Nox Arcana have once again created a haunting musical score that had me thinking of Ray Bradbury's *Something Wicked This Way Comes*. And with this release, something wicked is coming. And it's waiting for you to join them. But as the warning states in the opening, "There's no turning back."

