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## THEATER OF ILLUSION

### NOX ARCANA

Monolith Graphics CD

If you're into the music and art of Nox Arcana then you already know what to expect just by observing the title and cover artwork of latest Nox Arcana's record. And truly, "Theater of Illusion" will open the gates of mystical and obscure arts, full of nightly visions. The music is obviously based only on keyboards but the fact that is really guiding the music is the theme of the entire work and that are the illusions



and the mystic effect that they have on people and people's minds. I was expecting more of an ambient record and truly I was right. "Theater of Illusion" is one very dark and obscure piece of art! During the listening of this particular effort you will enter the domain(s) of shadows, obscure and dark energies, even higher art of existence! The music is quite peaceful but yet it could develop and become more dramatic in moments. Piano has the leading role while, here and there, one could enjoy in some enchanted and malicious female choirs and voices which appear in the background. Everything is peaceful but the dynamic of the entire material is also very important. Definitely, if you're into the more ambient music you'll notice, that Nox Arcana has always paid attention on the dynamics of their releases so it's also the case with the new one. The peaceful atmosphere could be sometimes changed by the entering of more eerie ideas but that's perfectly suiting for their music. There are various titles on the album and each of these titles has its own theme so obviously the music is changing as we step from one to another track. So, you're going to enjoy in the tracks such as "Necromancer", "Voodoo", "Smoke and Mirrors", "Lord of Illusions" or "Sinister Cabaret". I am truly amazed, but I don't know exactly how Mr. Joseph Vargo could always catch the perfect atmosphere for each individual track and musical theme. But, definitely, he is the master of his art! As I have already received full CD I could also add that the booklet and entire layout is classical one for all Nox Arcana releases. Simply it reflects perfectly and carefully the atmosphere of the album. But at the end I have to mention also one more thing: in my humble opinion I think that "Theater of Illusion" is one of the most sinister and malicious albums of Nox Arcana. It could easily stand as the darkest jewel in Joseph's trophy shelf!

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