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**THE IRON MAIDENS** (USA)

**WORLD'S ONLY FEMALE TRIBUTE TO IRON MAIDEN** (DRZ Records)

*Reviewed by [Matthieu](#) on Saturday 3 September 2005.*

Over the years there have been many Iron Maiden covers and tribute albums. From Children of Bodom to Sentenced to Dream Theater to Therion, almost every established band has covered Iron Maiden at least once. Just go to a random record store and you can find at least one compilation CD full of tributes. But this tribute by The Iron Maidens is different then the rest. Why? Because the Iron Maidens are the only Iron Maiden tribute band to be completely female.

On "A Female Tribute " we are being presented with a great variety of classic Iron Maiden tracks, obviously aimed at the first five albums of the band. Not only do we get timeless songs like "The Trooper", "Aces High" and "Number of the Beast", the album features a grip of lesser known and covered songs like "Children of the Damned", "Killers" and, a personal favourite of mine, "Remember Tomorrow". Very refreshing to see a different collection of songs then all the ever repeated covered songs. The overall quality of the songs is very good since the band stays very true to the original. I might consider myself a IM purist, but I always find it interesting to hear bands give their own twist to someone else's song but on "A Female Tribute" the covers are almost spot on like the original. I have to say that they play with such feeling and intensity that you really get the Iron Maiden feeling. The greatest challenge is of course being able to equal the voice of Bruce Dickinson. The Iron Maidens vocalist, Aja "Bruce Chickinson" Kim, overall does a great job in this but on a few occasions it just doesn't sound convincing enough. On a track like "Killers", it sounds really odd, especially at the beginning with the high screams. Still she has a very powerful voice and overall captures the true Iron Maiden essence. I also have to mention the artwork of the CD, featuring a female Eddie that was done by no one less then Derek Riggs, who has worked on so many Iron Maiden album covers in the past.

All in all a very nice tribute album to Iron Maiden. I especially enjoyed the diversity of the covered tracks because, as I said before, the album features a lot of more uncommon songs. There might be some awkward moments on "Female Tribute" but the two or three times this happens doesn't overshadow the intensity and feeling that the Iron Maidens gives to us.



**Running time: 61:03**

**Tracklisting:**

1. The Number of the Beast
2. Two minutes to Midnight
3. Children of the Damned
4. The Trooper
5. Wasted Years
6. Killers
7. Aces High
8. Phantom of the Opera
9. Run to the Hills
10. Hallowed be thy Name
11. Remember Tomorrow (Hidden Bonus)

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