New Zep arrives through the front door


I turned on the cassette deck, and saw its twin recording level meters glow weakly. I took the tape and wound it close. I let the music fill the low lights. I stared back at them, tentatively punched the rewind lever, turned the deck off, and waited, sorting out my feelings about Zep's new numbers. Alas, there are even two tracks for which he wrote all of the music. It has been ten years since a Led Zeppelin song (not including instrumental) was not at least partly written by Robert Plant or John Paul Jones. Now a company and its enthusiasts, zeppelinoften, has been overwhelmed, in a manner too predictable, with soulful, soulful guitar overdubs. It is inconceivable.

I doubt that any current rock band has ever had the creative and technical independence possessed by these few players. The music was made with no royalties or limitations. It is the complete product of the musicians.

I have to admit that the compositions are not as good as the few people left there is a break in the Rain I received a good amount of airplay. It is a love song that shows Plant at his blues and back to rock with considerable style. My only complaint about this song is that the vocals tend to get lost in the mix, but considering the Zeppelin's slick production I suspect this might have been intentional.

Entitled "All Of My Love," the next track has, like "Fool in the Rain," a strong mood. I hit 'play.'

I think this album will go over particularly well with those Zeppelin fans whose rock tastes center around Aerosmith, Van Halen, and Ted Nugent. The song is too different from those "metal" bands to appeal to them.

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