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(This disc made Doug's top five picks of July '98)

This Rutland Vermont trio (plus 3) kicks some serious ass on this explosive sounding compact disc entitled 'Vegas. Elements of King's X, Metallica, Alice in Chains and Ritchie Blackmore shimmer through these eight originals and two covers ("Wild Dogs" and Black Sabbath's "Faeries Wear Boots") that feature torrid guitar work, intense drumming, blistering bass lines and over the top vocals doled out in equal parts by guitarist Duane Carleton and drummer Bob Boyer. Bassist Steve Mulholland's backup vocals are also a solid compliment to the entire power trio image. Best cuts include the opener "Primadonna", "King of Me", and "2 Mary's". A formidable group at the top of their game. Good Stuff!

by Douglas Sloane