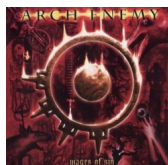


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1 "Enemy Within" – 4:21 2 "Burning Angel" – 4:17 3 "Heart of Darkness" – 4:52 4
"Ravenous" – 4:06 [play](#) 5 "Savage Messiah" – 5:18 6 "Dead Bury Their Dead" – 3:55 [play](#)
7 "Web of Lies" – 3:56 8 "The First Deadly Sin" – 4:20 9 "Behind the Smile" – 3:38 10 "Snow
Bound" (Instrumental) – 1:34 11 "Shadows and Dust" – 4:27 12 "Lament Of A Mortal Soul" 13
"Aces High" 14 "Damnation's Way" 15 "Diva Satanica" 16 "Fields Of Desolation '99" 17
"Hydra" 18 "Scream Of Anger (Europe Cover)" 19 "Starbreaker"

Arch Enemy: Angela Gossow (vocals); Michael Amott, Christopher Amott (guitars); Sharlee
d'Angelo (bass guitar); Daniel Erlandsson (drums).

Sounding like a particularly rotten day during the apocalypse, Arch Enemy is a ferocious gang of Swedish death metalers bent on throttling their listeners, and they succeed most magnificently on *Wages of Sin*. The Scandinavians in general are known most for their allegiance to black metal: atmospheric, epic-sounding, satanic-leaning stuff which they invented. But Arch Enemy, who includes members and former members of Carcass, Armageddon, and Mercyful Fate, is more death than black, but there's a little bit of everything in their mix of Sepultura-like riffage; mid-'80s classic, over-the-top metal solos; meat-cleaver-style hooks; and dirty Florida swamp-style death metal. Of course, death metal can easily become monotonous, but this is not at all the case with Arch Enemy, whose songwriting is way above par. *Wages of Sin* is the first album from the band featuring their new singer, Angela Gossow, a German blonde whose vocals never sound as if they could possibly be emanating from a woman. Rather, they sound like a guttural blast from the sewers of purgatory. She is just the right touch to add to a band who ranks among metal's most progressive and unique outfits.

---Adam Bergman, AllMusic Review

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