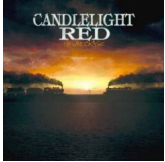


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1. *Intro* 2. *The Dirt* 3. *Closer* 4. *Gone Forever* 5. *The Wreckage* 6. *Bend And Break* 7. *Scream* 8. *Medicated* 9. *In Your Hands* 10. *She's Got The Look* Jeremy Edge – Guitars Ryan Hoke – Vocals Jamie Morral – Bass Brian Dugan – Drums

Modern rock fans have a new reason to rejoice and that reason is *The Wreckage*, the debut album from Candlelight Red. This Pennsylvania quartet has been making their presence known on the hard rock scene, playing several festivals, and opening a number of hot tours in 2012. *The Wreckage* shows just why Candlelight Red is receiving much attention in the modern rock world. Put simply, Candlelight Red is a hard rock band that makes great music.

Filled with heavy and hard tunes, *The Wreckage* is a fun-filled album of rock music that satisfies. Any of us that love Three Days Grace, New Medicine, or other similar modern rock darlings are going to enjoy listening to *The Wreckage*. Candlelight Red have released an album of eight original goodies and one interesting cover song that is getting some airplay as of late.

The band's original songs are real treasures to the ear. They are not overproduced, and they are not weak, which is usually a winning combination to making great music. And while *The Wreckage* does not contain any Earth shattering, ground breaking, innovative Pink Floyd-esque tracks, that hardly matters. What *The Wreckage* does contain is 8 original songs that are immensely enjoyable. And in the end, isn't that what matters most?

The last track on the record is a cover of "The Look," a big pop hit for the band Roxette in the late 80s. As a huge fan of the original song, I was curious to see what Candlelight Red would do with this cover. And while I commend them for choosing a more pop-oriented song to cover, I

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have to admit that I much prefer the band's original material. I miss the falsetto of Marie Fredriksson, which I always felt made the song such a hit.

That's not to say that "She's Got The Look" is unbearable, because it is actually enjoyable from a nostalgic sense. However, it is not something that would have me buying The Wreckage. However, original songs like "The Dirt," and "Medicated," would. Perhaps it's a chance for fans to sing along with the band at concerts while they get their name out there, but I would have much preferred one more original song on The Wreckage.

Cover song aside, Candlelight Red have released a solid album complete with creative, entertaining songs. If you're looking for some hard rocking new music that will get multiple spins on your iPod, definitely check out Candlelight Red's The Wreckage. --- hardrockhideout.com

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