

## Hydra - Malachite Skies (2015)

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01 - *A Quarter To Reality* [00:03:52] 02 - *Towards Copper Shores* [00:04:59] 03 - *Sandflower* [00:04:00] 04 - *CCC - Swath Of Destruction* [00:05:21] 05 - *Lone Wolf* [00:05:37] 06 - *Ico* [00:05:16] 07 - *Ad Infinitum* [00:05:00] 08 - *Devastation's Crown* [00:06:06] 09 - *Reign In Tears* [00:05:00] 10 - *Harvest Neptune* [00:08:38] Lisa Rieger - Vocals Chris Diefenbach - Guitar Dimitri Manevski - Bass Sarah Hafeneder - Keyboard Jens Viertel – Drums

Hydra from Regensburg, Germany was formed by guitarist Chris Diefenbach and vocalist Lisa Rieger, in October 2013. The first ten songs, which primarily fall into the category of melodic metal, took shape within a matter of months. One thing was clear to both Lisa and Chris - this was song material with potential that simply had to be released. The songs on this debut are enchanting to the full being characterised by deliberate contrast, these contrasts being raw metal meeting soft, orchestral arrangements evocative of fairy tales and enchanting melodies. And this is fully recognisable on the awesome atmospheric opener 'A Quarter To Reality', which is then followed by the up tempo 'Towards Copper Shores', which reminds me a little of Nightwish, rather good I hasten to add. 'Sandflower' is equally as bombastic and symphonic, a pounding number to hammer your senses, if you like female fronted Symphonic Metal, you sure are going to like this album. Everything here comes from the top drawer driving this band towards the premier league of female fronted metal. 'Swathe Of Destruction' features Liv Kristine, being another awesome track from this album of pure gold, while the ballad 'Lone Wolf' features a certain lass by the name of Maria Raum - beautiful! Further numbers that will blow your mind are 'Ad Infinitum' (reminding me vocally of Leaves' Eyes), the brooding but heavy 'Reign In Tears' and the closer, the epic 8 minute plus 'Harvest Neptune'. To be honest, there is nothing much if anything to fault here on this record, so check the band out for yourselves. --- ravenheartmusic.com

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