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## Ultimate Machina

Posted by epitome - 2007/11/04 16:11

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I've never been a big fan of Machina. In fact, I consider it to be by far the Pumpkins' worst release. And I haven't much more appreciation for Machina 2, though the price was right for that one ;)

So I finally got round to compiling my Ultimate Machina - a compilation of songs from both Machina releases onto one CD.

And the resulting CD I made is great and I will listen to this a lot more than I would ever listen to the Machina albums as they were originally.

My compilation ended up being 19 songs (12 from Machina 2, 7 from Machina) and runs at around 77:26.

Here's my tracklisting, in the order I decided on:

01. Everlasting Gaze
02. Lucky 13
03. Cash Car Star
04. Dross
05. Stand Inside Your Love
06. Let Me Give The World To You
07. This Time
08. Glass and the Ghost Children
09. Innosense
10. Slow Dawn
11. Wound
12. Speed Kills
13. Glass
14. Blue Skies/version electrique
15. Raindrops + Sunshowers
16. Home
17. With Every Light
18. If There Is A God/piano and voice
19. Try/version 1

There were a couple of other songs that came close but were dropped to make it fit on a CD, or because they just didn't seem to 'fit'.

So, what do you think of my Ultimate Machina? And what would yours be?

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by doomsdayclock - 2007/11/05 00:02

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good but i of the mourning, age of innocense, and in my body are some of my favorite tracks. here's mine

01. Everlasting Gaze
02. Lucky 13
03. Cash Car Star
04. Dross
05. Stand Inside Your Love
06. Let Me Give The World To You
07. This Time
08. Glass and the Ghost Children
09. I of the Mourning
10. Slow Dawn
11. The Imploding Voice
12. Speed Kills
13. In My Body
14. Try, Try, Try
15. The Sacred and Profane
16. With Every Light

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17. Age of Innocence

(Saturnine if there's more time)

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by PistolPete - 2007/11/05 02:04

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Machina II never gets any love :sigh

If you're going to make an "ultimate" Machina album you probably should include songs from the FAEOMM 60m Tape, demos, bsides, etc.

In the spirit of Machina II, I broke up the album into 3EP and a full length album. I think it turned out really well.

The Everlasting Gaze

In My Body

Slow Dawn

Heavy Metal Machine

Glass and the Ghost Children

Blue Skies Bring Tears (FAEOMM)

The Crying Tree of Mercury (Piano)

If There is a God (Sad-Remix)

Glass' Theme (Glass and the Machines of God Remix)

White Spyder

Here's to the Atom Bomb (Machina II)

Lucky 13

Dross

Soul Power

The Sacred and Profane

Stand Inside Your Love

Let Me Give the World to You

Go

Home

Innocence

This Time

Try (Alt)

Cash Car Star

Saturnine

Wound

With Every Light

Age of Innocence

Speed Kills (Machina II)

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by blueseatle - 2007/11/05 02:54

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I Of The Mourning and This Time are the best tracks off Machina. To be fair, Machina is a different album, though it's probably my favorite from them, and I realize your criticism, but I can't help but feel Zeitgeist is the worst release.

And having two separate Machina albums are cooler, in my opinion.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by epitome - 2007/11/05 03:19

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Yeah, I respect that. I know some people really like Machina - I try to, but I just can't, whereas Zeitgeist I enjoyed from the first time I heard it.

I do now love the Ultimate Machina CD I've made though. If they put that out as the album I would have enjoyed it a lot. I think it says something that I picked more songs from Machina 2 than the actual Machina release. And Lucky 13, Cash Car Star, Dross and Let Me Give The World to You are amongst my favourites - I'm really surprised none of those made the main album.

And Pete, I like the way you broke it up into 3 EPs and a full length. I did it as one CD purely for practical reasons - I have one disc that I can stick in the player and listen to all my favourite Machina-era songs. Sadly I never feel the urge to put the actual Machina/Machina 2 CDs in :(

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Homicidal\_llama - 2007/11/05 09:17

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01. Lucky 13
02. Everlasting Gaze
03. Cash Car Star
04. Dross
05. Stand Inside Your Love
06. Let Me Give The World To You
07. Real Love
08. I of the Mourning
09. Go
10. Try, Try, Try
11. This Time
12. Glass and the Ghost Children
13. Age of Innocence

This is what it should have been like, not too damn long! I think Lucky 13 works better as an opener, with pretty much the majority of the albums heavier tracks following on. I've arranged the continuity with Try & This Time because lyrically they are very similar. I also added 'Go' which is quite often overlooked but I do enjoy it.

Obviously my ultimate-Machina is short but I think in this sense there is no actual album filler which doesn't make you sit there skipping tracks.

In a perfect world Billy would have written Adore & Machina at pretty much the same time, then these two albums would be combined & they would never have even been the worst SP releases.

When it comes to the musical theories of SP's albums I think Zeitgeist is there worst release, lyrically and musically. That said; Jimmy's drumming is on top form in Zeitgeist.

Sorry, I'm writing an essay at the moment for my media project so I'm in that essay writing mood!!

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by masterofinsanity - 2007/11/05 16:19

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I actually quite like both the Machina's (though II is a bit too repetative) The one thing that always bothered me though is that the acoustic version of Wound never made it onto either of them, it's far better than the version that made the cut IMO

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by doomsdayclock - 2007/11/05 16:43

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dang, i forgot heavy metal machine and real love on my list. i'll take off... wow, i'll just add them to the end

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by MklCorgan - 2007/11/05 18:42

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yeeei, an adore/machina fusion would be sweet..

:heart

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Trillian - 2007/11/05 21:38

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Go is definitely the best Iha song. :)

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Dasuitekill - 2007/11/06 02:10

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OK! HERE WE GO ON A MAGIC TRACKLIST ADVENTURE! Mine begins with zero...

0. Glass's Theme
1. The Everlasting Gaze
2. Stand Inside Your Love
3. Eye of the Mourning
4. This Time
5. Try, Try, Try
6. Lucky 13
7. Vanity
8. Speed Kills (either version)
9. Glass and the Ghost Children
10. Dross
11. The Sacred and Profane
12. Cash Car Star
13. The Imploding Voice
14. Heavy Metal Machine
15. Age of Innocence

I don't really like the studio version of Let Me Give the World to You but if possible I'd include the acoustic Machina Demos version in there somewhere.

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I do believe my list is the best...

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by epitome - 2007/11/06 18:42

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Homicidal\_llama wrote:

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Obviously my ultimate-Machina is short but I think in this sense there is no actual album filler which doesn't make you sit there skipping tracks.

Well, I'd agree both Machina and Machina 2 have a lot of filler tracks, but with the version I made, for me at least, there would be no tracks to skip - as I said I would even have put a couple more on there if I could fit them. I'm not a big fan of the Machina albums, but I think picking through them there are at least 20 good tracks.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by doomsdayclock - 2007/11/07 00:05

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machinas are awesome. both.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by HeavyMetalMachine - 2007/11/07 03:21

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Yes, I love all SP albums. Even the MACHINAs.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Shame - 2007/11/07 15:59

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Machina is an incredibly underated album, and dont get me started on adore - but i can see why its not liked that much. The production style takes a while to get used to it and some of the songs sound kinda random on there. But you have to remember its a concept album and thats why certain songs are on there and how they sound etc. Machina 2 had some great songs but in general, i felt was quite weak. Machina took some time to appreciate but i honestly found it the most accessible of all the pumpkin records. I used to hate the crying tree of mercury but now i think its awesome. But anyway, here's my 'perfect machina collection' (although i wouldnt change the original album.

1. Hope
  2. Slow dawn
  3. I of the mourning
  4. Stand inside your love
  5. Home
  6. Let me give the world to you
  7. Heavy metal machine
  8. Glass and the ghost children
  9. Speed kills
  10. The everlasting gaze
  11. This time
  12. Go
  13. If there is a God
  14. Try Try Try
  15. Age of Innocense
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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by doomsdayclock - 2007/11/07 17:12

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how come i of the mourning never became the third single... i love try, try, try but would have liked i of the mourning more

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Shame - 2007/11/07 18:50

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Maybe try try try better fitted as the final single for the band; they never could hold on...

I of the mourning was pretty much the next single though; they played it on letterman (incidentally one of the best pumpkins performances ever)it was pretty much always in their set for the final tours but they never had time to release it.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Jeffrey Zeitgeist - 2007/11/10 16:34

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And having two separate Machina albums are cooler, in my opinion.

I won't say a thing as to which is the better release. However, I agree with you that Machina was meant to be enjoyed in it's entirety - not with a few choice songs emphasized while others are cut out all-together.

Ultimate Machina would be the form in which the band originally meant to release it: as a double album - nothing cut, with the exception of a few of the alternate versions on Machina II.

\*Replace the Machina I version of Blue Skies with the Machina II version.

\*Remove alternate of Cash Car Star.

\*Remove spacey Glass' Theme.

\*As for If There Is A God, I prefer the instrumental version - though I don't necessarily think it's better than the piano version. Same with Try, Try, Try. I think both versions have their merits...

\*Cut Machina II version of H.M.M.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by doomsdayclock - 2008/05/14 06:31

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this should have been the singles;  
everlasting gaze  
stand inside your love  
age of innocense (this would have been better for radio than try try try)  
then I of the mourning (to close out)

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Adub - 2008/05/14 15:23

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am i the only one who thinks The Sacred and Profane and The Imploding Voice are the best tracks?

Don't get me wrong, the WHOLE album is effing great, but these two songs are so underrated yet so awesome.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by superchrist - 2008/05/14 16:51

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I think "The Sacred and Profane", "The Imploding Voice", and "The Crying Tree of Mercury" are the three worst on the album. If those 3 were to be replaced by tracks such as "Home", "White Spyder", or "Let Me Give the World to You", it would be the perfect album.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Adub - 2008/05/14 17:11

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lol, wow.

obviously we have different taste in music.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by superchrist - 2008/05/14 19:10

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well we both like the pumpkins, that's why we're here :)

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Geek N.Z. - 2008/05/14 20:02

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Pff!

I thought epitome had copied my idea for a moment when I clicked this thread, but I didn't realise that my thread and epi's thread were similarly named, and that he had written his 6 months earlier.

ANYWHO

Here's my list. I'm listening to it right now, it sounds shit-hot.

1. Lucky 13
2. Stand Inside Your Love
3. This Time
4. Slow Dawn
5. Let Me Give the World to You
6. Real Love
7. Cash Car Star (LP version)
8. The Everlasting Gaze
9. Glass and the Ghost Children
10. With Every Light
11. Go
12. Home
13. Age of Innocence

Length of album: 57:27

Mainly slow songs, soft songs or love songs but I think it's a great continuation of Adore, but with a much harder, rocking side to it also.

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The transition between "Go" and "Home" gives me the chills.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Geek N.Z. - 2008/05/14 20:30

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Shame, as you can see in my thread, Hope is NOT a Machina era song.

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Although, I like the rest of your list, it reminds me of mine, maybe we appreciate the light-hearted side of Pumpkins as much as the tough-as-old-boots side.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by blueczarina - 2008/05/14 22:55

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My favorite Machina songs are (no special order)

- 1.The Everlasting Gaze
- 2.Stand Inside You Love
- 3.Glass and the Ghost Children
- 4.The Crying Tree of Mercury
- 5.Blue Skies Bring Tears
- 6.Heavy Metal Machine (alternate version- it sounds cooler I think)
- 7.Raindrops+ Sunshowers
- 8.The Sacred and Profane (I like it, I just think it sounds more like a MCIS b-side or something)
- 9.Slow Dawn
- 10.Lucky 13
- 11.White Spyder
- 12.Dross
- 13.Le Deux Machina
- 14.Real Love
- 15.Go
- 16.Let Me Give the World To You
- 17.Speed Kills (not the Machina II version)
- 18.Laugh
- 19.Lover

To bad Machina wasn't released as a double album. It would have been a great record I think.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by doomsdayclock - 2008/05/15 07:22

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superchrist wrote:

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i like let me give he world to you but the sacred and profane and the imploding voice are awesome! my least fav machina tracks are blue skies bring tears and raindrops and sunshowers.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Truman Capote - 2008/05/16 00:37

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blueczarina wrote:

To bad Machina wasn't released as a double album. It would have been a great record I think.

Yeah, that's what I always think when I want to listen to Machina II and get disappointed at the horrible distorted sound ALL Machina Twos have, FLAC, MP3, WAV, they all sound distorted. I want to listen to those amazing songs in a proper quality. I swear this just ruins the whole Machina II experience for me and it kills me, man, because I really love those songs.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by PistolPete - 2008/05/16 06:19

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I think it enhances the Machina II experience for me. After the subtleness of Adore and the production heavy Machina, the lo-fi raw sound was a welcome change. It has a great, hard energy to it. An energy I think would be lost if the songs were properly mastered re-released. There's also the feeling of a "band," collectively getting together and feeling out the songs. Almost a rehearsal of sorts for Machina. I absolutely love it and wouldn't change anything about it.

However I understand people wanting a slightly cleaned up version, and they are avialable, but I'm happy with what we got.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by doomsdayclock - 2008/05/16 07:13

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i'm happy we got machina II, but i'd like a cleaned up version, and yes, a double album would've been awesome. I hope the pumpkins make another double album in the coming years, but then again, it would only get compared to mcis.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by epitome - 2008/05/16 10:47

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Weird. I think a lot of the songs on Machina II sound cleaner than the tracks on Machina, many of which have that fuzzy distortion crap all over them.

I don't think there are really enough good songs for a double album. I fit all the songs I like (barring one that I wouldn't have minded adding) on to one CD. Adding the others would have detracted from the experience as, to me, they just aren't very good songs.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Geek N.Z. - 2008/05/16 18:29

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doomsdayclock wrote:

but then again, it would only get compared to mcis.

Haha, as if Zeitgeist wasn't compared to SD and MCIS enough...

epitome wrote:

Adding the others would have detracted from the experience as, to me, they just aren't very good songs.

This is how I feel about most double albums in particular. It's hard enough to have a single album that doesn't have a few

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filler tracks, so being able to release a double album with no filler is a hell of a feat, seeing as there would be twice as much.

MCIS is perfect, the only thing I would have done with it is replace "Stumbline" with "Rotten Apples" and "Love" with...  
hmm... "Marquis in Spades"?

It's hard to replace "Love", there's really no other song like it..

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### Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by doomsdayclock - 2008/05/17 10:59

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whoa, not stumbleine, that song is beautiful. I would replace We Only Come Out At Night with Ugly and take out Take Me Down (I like the song but...) I would want the Aeroplane Flies High on the first disk. Thus, you'd have to two long songs on each disk.

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### Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Geek N.Z. - 2008/05/17 18:43

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Haha, at least I would replace it with a song that sounded similar..

I think maybe I would replace Love with Cherry, they both have trippin' effects, and the "wha-wha-wha-wha-wha-wha" noise on Cherry is really cool.

I can't think of anything you could replace WOCOAN though. I wouldn't want to replace it anyways..

I like AFH, but really, it's not as EPIC as the other three epic songs on MCIS. It's a bit like X.Y.U. I suppose, but X.Y.U. has a bit more variety in it, both musically and emotionally. But as always, I'm probably looking at it too deeply.

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### Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by blueczarina - 2008/05/17 22:45

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Maybe there isn't enough Machina for a double album, but it would have been cool if they had released it even as a seperate album. I don't mind rough edits, demo type stuff, but it would be cool to hear cleaned up versions.

As for MCIS, I wouldn't really change a thing. I like it just the way it is, except for Take Me Down maybe.

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### Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by doomsdayclock - 2008/05/18 08:02

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i see the aeroplane flies high song as a great song that would've been a nice addition to mellon collie. Especially when the 2nd guitar comes in with that solo.

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### Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by epitome - 2008/05/18 08:51

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But it does make a nice centrepiece to a TAFH boxset compilation CD ;)

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by epitome - 2008/06/02 14:38

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Not that anyone would care, but I've decided that whilst my Ultimate Machina was an improvement on the actual Machina release, there was still something about it that wasn't quite right.

I just changed my track list, and as it turns out I agree with this:

Homicidal\_llama wrote:

This is what it should have been like, not too damn long! I think Lucky 13 works better as an opener

I don't agree with some of the other stuff Llama said though - Adore's a great album.

So, here's my new track list, cutting down from 19 songs to 13, 77 minutes to 58.

01. Lucky 13
02. Everlasting Gaze
03. Stand Inside Your Love
04. Cash Car Star
05. Dross
06. This Time
07. Glass and the Ghost Children
08. Wound
09. Let Me Give The World To You
10. Speed Kills
11. Blue Skies/version electricque
12. With Every Light
13. Try/version 1

Whilst I do like the 6 songs I just axed, they did just lack that extra magic. NOW I have an album that I truly get excited to listen to (listening to it for the 3rd time today).

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by doomsdayclock - 2008/06/03 16:21

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the one song i'm truly surprised that didn't make it was let me give the world to you. WHAT WERE YOU THINKING BILLY? :sigh

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Geek N.Z. - 2008/06/03 21:48

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A nice touch closing the album with "Try"

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by epitome - 2008/06/04 10:33

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Yeah, particularly the Machina 2 version of Try, which is a bit more simple and I find it has a bigger impact because of that.

Now I need to come up with a cover design for my CD.

For my TAFH compilation CD I put the doodle of the plane from the front of the booklet on the front cover of my CD and had black and white stripes on the back cover to tie in with the outside of the boxset. It was pretty cool, but maybe shows I have too much time on my hands :)

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by doomsdayclock - 2008/06/04 14:11

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haha, i love the wxrt cover for machina II

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Geek N.Z. - 2008/06/04 21:46

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link?

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Geek N.Z. - 2008/06/04 21:55

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<http://spfreaks.com/Default.aspx?page=COLLDETAILS&item=561>

SHIT!

Could you imagine having one of THESE babies??

That looks incredible! I hear the Q101 transfer was really high quality, too.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by blueczarina - 2008/06/04 23:51

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thats a nice one Geek. i might try to find one sometime. :yay

visiting SPfreaks a lot lately? ;)

you can join you know. our numbers are few, but i still like our small forum (and no, you don't need to have collected everything, although i have found myself buying more since i've been there :roll .)

spfreaks is like here- all guests and no users :roll ;)

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by PistolPete - 2008/06/05 05:34

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Recently 625/2000 sold on ebay for \$222.50

[http://cgi.ebay.com/Smashing-Pumpkins-1st-Edition-Machina-2-number-625-2000\\_W0QQitemZ290227490559QQihZ019QQcategoryZ53278QQssPageNameZWVWQQrdZ1QQcmdZViewItem](http://cgi.ebay.com/Smashing-Pumpkins-1st-Edition-Machina-2-number-625-2000_W0QQitemZ290227490559QQihZ019QQcategoryZ53278QQssPageNameZWVWQQrdZ1QQcmdZViewItem)

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by superchrist - 2008/06/05 07:57

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yeah, i'm the one who bought it... hehe...

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by PistolPete - 2008/06/05 10:52

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you shelled out a lot of scrilla.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by doomsdayclock - 2008/06/05 12:09

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my bro gave me a lot of pumpkins stuff and that's one of the things he gave me. It's awesome.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Geek N.Z. - 2008/06/05 13:25

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I would love having one of those, but come on, I can't possibly save up that kind of AMERICAN money...

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by PistolPete - 2008/06/05 13:31

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The dollar is shit right now.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by blueczarina - 2008/06/05 19:09

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doomsdayclock wrote:

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don't show your brother the value or he will take it back ;)

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Geek N.Z. - 2008/06/05 20:50

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I think he would know.

Maybe he just loves you.

I can't save up that kind of money in my own currency, either.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by blueczarina - 2008/06/05 21:21

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i think i could get one, esp. with the new job i got. i don't think they appear to often though.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Geek N.Z. - 2008/06/05 23:56

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See, I don't know weather I should save for music that I want-to-but-haven't-yet-heard, or save HEAPS for music that I don't-physically-own-but-still-have-heard.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by doomsdayclock - 2008/06/06 07:47

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Geek N.Z. wrote:

I think he would know.

Maybe he just loves you.

I can't save up that kind of money in my own currency, either.

Yea, he's a good guy. It's awesome though to have someone that loves the same band as you. (Someone to go to concerts with too)

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by iceblinko - 2008/06/08 17:28

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this is the only version that works and you're all wrong:

1. lucky 13
  2. slow dawn
  3. glass' theme
  4. dross
  5. i of the mourning
  6. real love
  7. try, try, try (version 1)
  8. the imploding voice (arising version)
  9. speed kills
  - 10.in my body
  - 11.glass and the ghost children
  - 12.wound
  - 13.if there is a god (just billy acoustic and some piano/effects)
  - 14.with every light
  - 15.blue skies bring tears (arising version)
  - 16.age of innocence
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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by TurnsLeftLooksRight - 2008/06/08 19:39

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PistolPete wrote:

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:o Me want!!

Lets see...Machina II or basically all my plans this summer....

I'll take Machina II. Now I just need some money (and for one to pop up completely out of the blue)...

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### Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Geek N.Z. - 2008/06/08 21:00

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Are you kidding, iceblinko?

I think you better take a look at mine again.

An Ultimate Machina album that has In My Body but not SIYL can't be taken seriously.

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### Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by PersianBellyDancer - 2008/06/08 22:50

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PistolPete wrote:

Recently 625/2000 sold on ebay for \$222.50

[http://cgi.ebay.com/Smashing-Pumpkins-1st-Edition-Machina-2-number-625-2000\\_W0QQitemZ290227490559QQihZ019QQcategoryZ53278QQssPageNameZWDVWQQrdZ1QQcmdZViewItem](http://cgi.ebay.com/Smashing-Pumpkins-1st-Edition-Machina-2-number-625-2000_W0QQitemZ290227490559QQihZ019QQcategoryZ53278QQssPageNameZWDVWQQrdZ1QQcmdZViewItem)

I saw a CD of Machina II selling at a local record store for fifty dollars. It could have been from Q101.

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### Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Geek N.Z. - 2008/06/09 01:55

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Was it the same as the one from the SPFreaks link?

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### Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by doomsdayclock - 2008/06/09 05:54

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Geek N.Z. wrote:

Are you kidding, iceblinko?

I think you better take a look at mine again.

An Ultimate Machina album that has In My Body but not SIYL can't be taken seriously.

whoa, he does need stand inside your love but in my body is awesome. it's better than the crying tree of mercury and blue skies bring tears, at least.

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### Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by TurnsLeftLooksRight - 2008/06/09 12:43

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Stand Inside Your Love is the best Machina-era song, IMO. Definitely essential. But it's a matter of taste, I guess.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by superchrist - 2008/06/09 22:01

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"The Crying Tree of Mercury" shouldn't have been on the album...

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by blueczarina - 2008/06/09 22:04

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why does everybody hate that song?  
i think its quite beautiful, but everybody is always acting like its crap. why?

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Geek N.Z. - 2008/06/09 22:39

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Probably because of the funny steel-drum effect.

I think that Lucky 13, Stand Inside Your Love, This Time, Slow Dawn, With Every Light, Go, Home and Age of Innocence are the best Machina Era songs. Which is pretty much my Ultimate Machina.

The others in my list aren't filler or anything, I think they are part of the flow and mood of the list.

I love the overall cruiseyness of my list, and the flow of it.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by PistolPete - 2008/06/10 05:26

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...and Home is the greatest song Billy has every written, lyrically and musically.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by PersianBellyDancer - 2008/06/10 09:01

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Geek N.Z. wrote:  
Was it the same as the one from the SPFreaks link?

I'll have to go back and take another look at it, but it looked like that one.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Trillian - 2008/06/10 13:23

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blueczarina wrote:  
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It has no discernible tune, the pedal effects are bordering on laughable. The song is a drag, generally.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by epitome - 2008/06/10 14:39

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Trillian wrote:

blueczarina wrote:

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Yeah, that about says it all 8-)

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by doomsdayclock - 2008/06/10 19:13

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Trillian wrote:

blueczarina wrote:

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exactly. i just feel that once billy knew they weren't going to do a double album, he should've put a ton of other songs on machina like lmgwtwy, cash car star, dross, etc. (So many other choice, too many to name)

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by superchrist - 2008/06/10 19:26

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PistolPete wrote:

Machina is probably my favorite era of the band.

...and Home is the greatest song Billy has every written, lyrically and musically.

It's my favorite era too! "Home" is also my favorite Pumpkins song ever! :yay

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by blueczarina - 2008/06/10 21:25

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oh well. i still like that song. maybe i'm just weird that way. ;)

i know there were better choices though.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by doomsdayclock - 2008/06/11 17:34

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here's a random question, how does the band decide on what songs make the album? maybe no one knows?

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by blueczarina - 2008/06/11 18:26

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good question.

i don't know if that can be answered though. plus it probably varies from band to band.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by epitome - 2008/06/11 18:31

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Surely just by which songs they personally prefer that fit with the flow of the album, in their opinion.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Geek N.Z. - 2008/06/11 22:02

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Of course, some members would have more influence of the list than others. :monocle

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by blueczarina - 2008/06/11 23:15

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Geek N.Z. wrote:

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:down but of course :billy

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by nooneimportant - 2008/09/21 14:45

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allright, here's my tracklist.

01. Lucky 13
  02. Cash Car Star
  03. Dross
  04. Stand Inside Your Love
  05. I of the Mourning
  06. Let Me Give The World To You
  07. Real Love
  08. This Time
  09. Speed Kills (alt)
  10. Blue Skies Bring Tears (Heavy)
  11. Glass & the Ghost Children
  12. Saturnine
  13. Try Try Try (alt)
  14. With Every Light
  15. Age of Innocence
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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by doomsdayclock - 2008/09/21 16:04

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leaving off everlasting gaze is a travesty. seriously.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Teej212 - 2008/09/21 16:10

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not really. i think its the second low point of MI

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by nooneimportant - 2008/09/21 16:22

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everlasting gaze was left off because it's not that good. it's rehash and pretending. just because it's loud does not = good.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by superchrist - 2008/09/21 17:12

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Here is a good playlist to try out:

- Cash Car Star
- Glass' Theme
- With Every Light
- The Imploding Voice
- The Everlasting Gaze
- If There Is a God
- Stand Inside Your Love
- Real Love
- Home
- Raindrops + Sunshowers
- The Sacred and Profane
- Wound
- Glass and the Ghost Children
- Heavy Metal Machine

I of the Mourning  
Blue Skies Bring Tears  
Speed Kills

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by blueczarina - 2008/09/21 19:10

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doomsdayclock wrote:  
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leaving off everlasting gaze is a travesty. seriously.

yeah, you need TEG- i love that song :)

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by superchrist - 2008/09/21 19:18

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I wish there was a studio recording of "Pale Scales"...

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by PistolPete - 2008/09/21 19:52

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We just don't have it yet ;)

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Geek N.Z. - 2008/09/22 02:09

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superchrist wrote:  
Here is a good playlist to try out:

Cash Car Star  
Glass' Theme  
With Every Light  
The Imploding Voice

The Everlasting Gaze  
If There Is a God  
Stand Inside Your Love  
Real Love  
Home  
Raindrops + Sunshowers  
The Sacred and Profane  
Wound  
Glass and the Ghost Children  
Heavy Metal Machine  
I of the Mourning  
Blue Skies Bring Tears  
Speed Kills

That list seems very... stilted... O\_O

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by superchrist - 2008/09/22 06:34

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Hmm, how so?

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by superchrist - 2008/09/22 06:50

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I took out "If There Is a God" and put in "The Crying Tree of Mercury instead...:

Cash Car Star  
Glass' Theme  
With Every Light  
The Imploding Voice  
The Everlasting Gaze  
The Crying Tree of Mercury  
Stand Inside Your Love  
Real Love  
Home  
Raindrops + Sunshowers  
The Sacred and Profane  
Wound  
Glass and the Ghost Children  
Heavy Metal Machine  
I of the Mourning  
Blue Skies Bring Tears  
Speed Kills

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Geek N.Z. - 2008/09/22 12:51

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It's stilted because there's hardly a sense of flow of feel and mood, it's like you put Machina I and II on shuffle and picked the first few songs.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by superchrist - 2008/09/22 13:06

Actually it flows very nicely...

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Geek N.Z. - 2008/09/22 13:18

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Cash Car Star and Glass' Theme --> With Every Light --> The Imploding Voice?

Home --> R+S??

Those songs could at least do with re-ordering. You gotta have songs that build up at the start, songs that keep it going in the middle, and songs that bring it all back down at the end.

I find that the first and second song are vital choices. I chose Lucky 13 and SIYL for 1st and 2nd. L13 is like a wake up call, it's a great first song and album starter reminiscent of I Am One. CCS was a good choice too, But I would suggest to put Glass before it, as it is perfect for an introductory track.

The second song I find has to be a good follow up, as if you listen to the album for the first time, get stunned by the first track, and then get that feeling confirmed with the second track.

Siva is great, Quiet is great, Frail is BRILLIANT (particularly because that album starts with a lull), Jellybelly is great, Bodies is great, Ava Adore is in the same boat as Frail, however in my opinion R+S is just a flop after The Everlasting Gaze.

SIYL is one of those tracks that is floaty from the start, but you can tell that there will definitely be a build up or a climax of some sort, so it's GREAT for a second track.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by superchrist - 2008/09/22 13:31

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:roll Well you know what: The beauty of this forum is that we are all allowed to have our own opinions. Unfortunately for you, my opinion doesn't match yours. So thanks but no thanks I guess, I like my tracklisting.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Geek N.Z. - 2008/09/23 01:51

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Aw man, all that writing for nothing.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by superchrist - 2008/09/23 06:49

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I'm sorry.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by Muzzleofearth - 2008/09/23 12:06

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PistolPete wrote:

Machina II never gets any love :sigh

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If you're going to make an "ultimate" Machina album you probably should include songs from the FAEOMM 60m Tape, demos, bsides, etc.

In the spirit of Machina II, I broke up the album into 3EP and a full length album. I think it turned out really well.

The Everlasting Gaze  
In My Body  
Slow Dawn  
Heavy Metal Machine

Glass and the Ghost Children  
Blue Skies Bring Tears (FAEOMM)  
The Crying Tree of Mercury (Piano)  
If There is a God (Sad-Remix)

Glass' Theme (Glass and the Machines of God Remix)  
White Spyder  
Here's to the Atom Bomb (Machina II)

Lucky 13  
Dross  
Soul Power  
The Sacred and Profane  
Stand Inside Your Love  
Let Me Give the World to You  
Go  
Home  
Innosence  
This Time  
Try (Alt)  
Cash Car Star  
Saturnine  
Wound  
With Every Light  
Age of Innocence  
Speed Kills (Machina II)

i also agree we should have some of the demos and b-sides. they need some love. the original blue skies bring tears (arising!) is still one of my fav songs from the whole machina era. and is your "if there is a god (sad remix)" the track with the sound of rain in the background? if so that is one of my personal fav remixes.

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## Re:Ultimate Machina

Posted by doomsdayclock - 2008/09/24 17:47

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i don't think you can include demos... i guess that's just my personal opinion.

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