### TALES OF GLORY (2022. RTR RECORDS) REVIEWS

Oathbringer were capable of turning their tales of glory into first-class metal music in their first full-length album, and I'm sure that when their sophomore album is released they'll sound even stronger, more focused and more powerful for our total delight.

# THE HEADBANGING MOOSE 3.5/5 LINK

Tales of Glory excels with a very good sound, a great performance of all musicians and consistently good, partly excellent songwriting. It is an energetic record that reminds me in some places of Greek bands like **Achelous** – undoubtedly a sign of quality. So you definitely have to keep an eye on **Oathbringer** – I'm sure that the Serbians can even step it up a notch on the second album. But here, too, there is already a clear buy recommendation for all fans of classic, sometimes heavier metal sounds. It is to be hoped that western music journalists will not – once again – be so narrow-minded and neglect this terrific record from a country that has not been a metal hotspot up to now.

#### **EPIC METAL BLOG 8.7/10 LINK**

I went into this album thinking I was going to hear an album full of epic metal. To my pleasant surprise, I got much more than that. Tales of Glory is a metal album with twists, turns, and some cool surprises along the way. OATHBRINGER have a lot to offer and I'm looking forward to see what they come up with next.

## **METAL RULES 4/5 LINK**

In conclusion, I can only say that Tales of Glory is an outstanding album, the strength of which lies primarily in carefully composed songs that have a beginning, middle and end. Epic/heavy metal now has another band inscribed in its chronicles, which along with Claymorean from Lazarevac, phenomenally represents the genre both on the domestic and (at least I hope) on the global stage.

**SERBIAN METAL PORTAL 8.1/10 LINK** 

# TALES OF VALOR (2024. RTR RECORDS) REVIEWS

When I reviewed their debut I said I was curious to see where they would go next and that's exactly where we are as I write this. *Tales of Valor* is an album that is more mature and focused than the debut. This is track after track of epic metal that is well written and perfectly executed. It may be too early to tell but Oathbringer may be the band to watch in 2024. This album is as essential as any metal classic.

#### METAL RULES 4.5/5 LINK

If Tales Of Glory was all about "sharpened swords, axes and war hammers", then Tales Of Valor is all about "enchanted greatswords, double-bitted axes and halberds". This album certainly seemed like a very risky attempt to place Oathbringer on an even bigger pedestal, and one cannot deny that it was an ambitious effort that was not put to waste by any means. Just like Tales Of Glory, this is "all killer no filler", but in comparison to its predecessor, this is the sequel that beats the original in every way. Yet another great and strong performance by Oathbringer which promised a lot and not only successfully delivered as an album, but also surpassed any expectations that I initially had. If a blacksmith took Tales Of Glory to a grindstone and decided to

enhance its performance, the result that you get is Tales Of Valor. The almighty Cimmerian god Crom is pleased once again, and he calls upon all his followers to join him and feast upon the greatness that is Tales Of Valor.

**METAL BITE 9.4/10 LINK** 

Oathbringer are definitely among the most talented new bands in the crowded heavy metal scene and their second really strong album coming up will cement this fact. If you like classic metal that avoids clichés, yet reminds of the genre's greats, you may have found your new favorite band here. This is the kind of uplifting, fists-in-the-air type of epic metal that is guaranteed to attract metalheads in front of the stages worldwide. Put these battle-vests on and press "play".

**VELVET THUNDER 9/10 LINK** 

THERE IS NO BAD MOMENT HERE, LET GO OF THE SONGS, THE QUALITY OF WHICH, IN MY ASSESSMENT, VARY BETWEEN A NINE AND A TEN. Tales of Valor is a product that no major heavy/power metal band in the world would be ashamed of, a product with which Oathbringer, to everyone's satisfaction, delivered Tales of VICTORY.

**SERBIAN METAL PORTAL 9.6/10 LINK**