

# AMENRA



**ARTIST:** AMENRA  
**TITLE:** MASS III  
**FORMAT:** CD

**CATALOG NR:** HYPE 007

**RELEASE:** MAY 26TH 2008

**TRACKLISTING:**

01. silver needle. golden nail.
02. razoreater
03. de dodenakker
04. thurifer.et clamor ad te veniat.
05. terziele
06. le gardien des rêves
07. aorte.nous sommes du meme sang

**MEMBERS:**

V: Colin Van Eeckhout  
B: Maarten Kinet  
G: Vincent Tetaert  
G: Mathieu Vandekerckhove  
D: Bjorn Lebon

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**BIOGRAPHY:**

Outside of the house built on the carcasses of lost spirits, where the gloomy mist curtains the doorway, dark clouds are gathering. The halo of twilight slowly envelopes the faces of bare trees. A murder of crows gets lost in black fumes. The sunset becomes hidden. A new moon is drawing nigh. Absolute darkness reigns. Deep in the forest, the rhythmic cadence of drums lures. A crowd of yearning hearts surrounds five silhouettes dressed in black, torches in their hands, preparing for another sleepless night. AMENRA slowly commence their hypnotising wake.

27 months of touring, aching, rehearsing and searching after their breakthrough record 'Mass III', Belgium's AMENRA now unleash their highly-anticipated sophomore full-length onto the masses. Their avant-garde take on music, composed of droning, repetitive chords alternated by bowel knotting vocals, incorporates the dark atmosphere of tortured doom-metal with the dominating drive of sludge-metal, while equally lingering with elements of drone. Anonymous haunting riffs, grave and unconventional rhythm changes, surrounded by a mysterious and semi-religious vocal delivery that is ultimately threatening, AMENRA create a foreboding feeling of tremor through distressed trances of careful repetition.

A lifetime spanning almost 5 years and numerous highly sought-after releases in their discography, AMENRA now position themselves at the forefront of heavy music, with a sound built upon an unyielding sense of purpose and shaped by hundreds of volatile live shows, including performances with NEUROSIS, RED SPAROWES, THE DILLINGER ESCAPE PLAN, PELICAN, BLOOD & TIME and countless others.

On the band's second full-length, Mass III, the members of AMENRA (vocalist Colin Van Eeckhout, guitarists Vincent Tetaert and Mathieu Vandekerckhove, bassist Maarten Kinet and drummer Bjorn Lebon) have knotted the emergency of 2005's Mass III together with the band's live ritual of droning tension-building instrumental passages, crushing dynamics, silent chanting and anguished screams. Mass III finds the band erupting in seismic heaviness, building up to near euphoric crescendos and embracing an atmosphere of ominous triumph.

The new album benefits from the band's primordial quality for towering, spellbinding anthems, bashed repetitive chords fused with primitive and escalating power. Counting 7 new tracks, including "Razoreater" which has already become a staple in their live shows, Mass III is more focused than ever, heavier than ever, slower than ever. Recording, mastering and mixing was once again left in the trusted hands of Vince Tetaert (Rise & Fall, Integrity) and Zlaya Hadzic (Sonic Youth, Godspeed You Black Emperor!).

Mass III piles on layer after layer of colossal, hellish riffing that lead to claustrophobic heaviness, driven by a pagan call-and-response drum beat, trading thunderous dissonance with desolate ruminating instrumental episodes delivered with nuance, intelligence, and dynamics.

**POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- Recorded and produced by Vincent "The Dice" Tetaert, known from his work for THE SETUP, RISE AND FALL, INTEGRITY and many others.
- Mixed by Zlaya Hadzic, known from his work for SONIC YOUTH, MOTORPSYCHO, GODSPEED YOU BLACK EMPEROR! and many others.
- AMENRA will embark on a US tour with BATTLEFIELDS in May '08. Upon return, they will present MASS III at numerous club shows in the Low Countries.
- In the summer of '08, AMENRA will embark on an extensive European tour, once again joined by BATTLEFIELDS, followed by several shows with CONVERGE, INTEGRITY and COLISEUM.
- Beyond their primary focus in AMENRA, the band's members also participate in other distinguished musical endeavours like KINGDOM and SYNDROME.



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