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what's up?

Stefan Glau-
mann is mixing
the new Therion
album

shows with
AB/CD

writing with
Snowy Shaw



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The Gentle Art Of Making Crap Music

Looking back, I've been involved in too many albums. There are way too many crappy releases on small labels every year (especially in the world of hard rock/metal), and I don't want to be part of it anymore. Because of that, I've rejected some 10 projects or band offers this year.

One project I did say yes to, included a favourite guitar player of mine - **Reeves Gabrels**. I've seen him twice with **Bowie**, he's great. A three song demo was made, it definitely had its own sound. Six months later, the project's down the drain for different reasons... I hope I'll get the opportunity to work with Reeves in another situation, it would be killer.

Working with Leif & the others in **Krux** is a pleasure, just wish we could play live more often. Three shows in three years ain't that impressive. Right now we're trying to agree on a date for the release party of the new album...

Reunions are great sources for bad music by the way. I'd say In 90% of the cases, it's just a financial decision to reunite a band and make a new album again. The actual music is rarely any interesting.

The reunion album from **Candlemass** in 2005 was an exception. I've helped them with demo vocals for that & the next album and as always the band sounds great.

So who am I to say what's crap music or not? Yea yea...I'm

just fed up with the quantity of all media right now, including all reality shows, Hollywood movies and meaningless iTunes compilations...still, there's a lot of quality to be found if we look in the right places.

For any of you interested in great directors, artists and video making (and I'm not talking about MTV's bloody "Making The Video"...), check out the Director's Label dvd's with the work of **Michel Gondry** and 6 other great directors. They are all available in 2 box sets or sold separately, inspiring stuff.

Anyway, soon the **Therion** album is ready and neither that one or **Krux II** will include any crap music - unless you think so...

