

YEAR OF NO LIGHT

NORD



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FORMAT: CD
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SRLP: \$13.98
BOX LOT: 30
GENRE: BRUTAL SHOEGAZER

"YEAR OF NO LIGHT have crafted a debut that's fresh and full-bodied on the palate. In some ways comparable to recent works by CULT OF LUNA and MOUTH OF THE ARCHITECT, there are plenty of shimmering post-rock guitars and pounding sludgy textures to get to grips with. However, this Gallic five-piece are unafraid to mix things up, employing harsh GODFLESH-esque dissonance alongside emotionally wracked vocals that hit a little deeper than your average post-NEUROSIS combo. On "Par Économie Pendant..." they are as air-punchingly triumphant as ENVY, while doom-laden closer "La Bouche De Vitus Bering" is bleaker than an eternal nuclear winter. Intoxicating stuff."
- Rock Sound

As part of our current plundering of the French art-metal underground, Crucial Blast presents a domestic release of *Nord*, the colossal debut from French ensemble **YEAR OF NO LIGHT** that was originally released via the French label Radar Swarm earlier in 2006. **YEAR OF NO LIGHT** bring an amazing set of songwriting chops to the 10 songs that make up *Nord*, a heavy, chugging metallic monster that channels both gloomy atmospherics reminiscent of THE CURE, and crushing NEUROSIS-inspired dirgecore, heavy and raw yet amazingly beautiful. To us, **YEAR OF NO LIGHT's** *Nord* seems to orbit the guitar-heavy early 90's alt rock of bands like SWERVEDRIVER and DINOSAUR JR, THE CURE and MY BLOODY VALENTINE, just as much as it draws from the metallic post-hardcore zeitgeist pioneered by ISIS and NEUROSIS. Sure, there are a ton of bands out there that touch upon similar influences, but we can't think of anyone in recent times that has delivered an album in this style that is quite this catchy and well-written. *Nord* flows seamlessly between passages of ultra melodic post-rock and frenzied bursts of dissonant, crushing hardcore, to austere radiant guitar figures and gorgeous TROUM-esque ambient drones, to massive doomy dirge metal, utterly gorgeous *Loveless* inspired melodic bliss, and some almost folksy, but unbelievably EPIC riffs, with powerful, strained vocals fighting through their wall of sound. Crucial Blast's release of *Nord* will be presented in an eye-gripping 4-panel CD case printed by Stumptown Printers.

WHAT WE ARE DOING TO SPREAD THE WORD:

- National advertising in Decibel, Arthur, Punk Planet, Skyscraper, more.
- Thousands of postcards being spread around to promote this release.
- Press campaign will service all crucial North American press and web outlets starting in January.
- Radio mailout to specialty extreme music radio programmers.
- CD package will have a topspine card with description.

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