



Best of 1999

Part of the pleasure of being involved in the music scene is the chance to listen to local music. We've heard dozens of CDs by South Florida artists over the past few months that were either sent to us or we purchased at shows (we prefer the former for obvious reasons). Some of these CDs were a pleasure to listen to and some we resisted turning into coasters (although we did try trading them in at used CD stores, but we had no takers). Rest assured that all CDs were given a few listens with an open mind by our writers, including myself. It's been a difficult process whittling our list down to what it is, but we're confident you'll agree with our picks. As you'll be able to see, the music represented on our list is as diverse as the music scene itself. To narrow our list down to 15, we only considered those albums that were released in 1999. We are also listing our favorite picks of years past as well as our favorite Latin Rock albums courtesy of writer Sunay Sidron.

SonicSmoke.com's Top 15 Favorite Local (listed alphabetically)



GONEMAD "Planet 9" (896 Records) - In a genre that seems to be oversaturated nowadays i.e hardcore, GONEMAD's latest release stands out above many thanks to its more diverse styles of music, from straight hardcore to funk to rap and even a bit of a capella. What also sets this CD apart from other hardcore albums is the fact that they have two very capable singers who complement each other and are backed by a tight unit of musicians.

www.planet-noise.com

Gonemad - Planet 9

Reviewd by Eradicator

www.gonemad.com

Rating = 3

If you are looking for a cd with the same exact sound all the way through, look elsewhere.

Gonemad is not easy to categorize.

They have one song that sounds like rapcore,
then one that is very punk and then one that is totally nu-metal.

The variety on Planet 9 is one of it's greatest points,
Gonemad don't stick to one boring style and continue throughout.
The artwork on the cd is pretty cool in itself, the artist draws really cool.

On the downside, this isn't the type of cd to just shout buy me.
Some will like it, some won't. I admit I haven't had this in my discman much,
but it's definitely worthy of checking out.