

FRANK VAN BOGAERT

One Out Of Five

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4,5 stars

Since his first solo album "Colours" in 1998, Belgian composer, keyboardplayer and producer Frank Van Bogaert has grown into one of the most important players of melodic EM. Up till now he has released five albums: "Colours" (1998), "Geographic" (1999), "Docking" (2000), "Human" (2002) and "Closer" (2004).

"One Out Of Five" is a compilation-cd presenting a very solid overview of what these albums have to offer. The CD is meant to be an introduction to Frank's music; this is why no "previously unreleased" tracks have been added. Frank loves a big and symphonic sound, which is one of the reasons that his music is often compared to that of Vangelis. For instance, the album opens with an almost Byzantine atmosphere in "Human". Melody is very important in Frank's music. These melodies often have a slight euphoric undertone, like in highlights as "Deserts", "Ballet", "Violet" and "Atmospheric Conditions".

The cd is compiled in an excellent way, especially since it did not fail to incorporate Frank's ethnic influences ("Rorogwela", "Home By The Sea", "Geographic"), as well as his pieces reflecting more intimate moments ("Falling Leaves", "Blue" and the wonderful pianopiece "Earth").

For those who still don't have music of Frank in their CD –case this is a great buy! And this is also definitely true for those who already have all of his cd's in their possession.

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