

Echofission - "Amplify the Sun"

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** note on ADVICE: I mean this to emphasize what YOU could improve, not what I could improve (as I am nowhere near your league). As an unbiased reviewer (I try - but I'm still a fan), this is my opinion only and take it as such.

** note on SCORE: This is what I would rate it out of five and in brackets what I would rate it on garageband.com

Example: 4.5 -- (5) or 3.3 -- (3)



"Our Last Moments"

- song is ok but not super catchy
- well played, sung well, but not a lead track
- Song does not draw me in as a listener the way it should

Score: 3.2/5 (3)

"Seismic Election"

- Killer track, should have been lead-off track IMO
- Excellent main riff, very catchy bridge/chorus
- Why isn't this on the radio? I don't get it
- perfect blend of rock & pop merging indy edge w/ professional polish
- ADVICE Fade song at 2:55 -- better radio edit
- still sounds great with outro, though

Score: 4.5/5 ... as a 2:55 radio edit I'd give it a 4.8 -- (5)

"Sundown Town"

- Nice slow intro breaking into a catchier groove
- Reminds me of a great driving tune
- Lyrics sound great - vocal delivery is smooth and strong
- ADVICE Solo could have been much catchier, or at least more complex for it's length - It's gotta be super hummable if it is a slower solo -- not bad, I just feel it should have been better
- An acoustic version of this song would kick ass as a bonus track/ acoustic project

Score: 4.5 -- (5)

"Amplify The Sun"

- Easy, laid back tune -- very easy on the ears
- Well structured tune with great use of FX/keys
- Sounds so well mixed musically/instrumentally
- Impressive songwriting with a perfect presentation
- Vocals just continue to amaze

Score: 4.7 -- (5)

"War and Trains"

- This track builds into a fantastic wall of harmony and sound -- makes the listener want to go back and start the trip again
- Very catchy tune with smooth Echofission style
- I am enjoying the variety of this EP -- this tune continues an excellent journey musically
- Loving the intro and how the song evolves from beginning to end - like a great story

Score: 4.7 -- (5)

"Twirl"

- Wicked intro
- Backing guitar sounds sound so incredible with the guitar harmonics
- Another killer rocker track well placed in the mix
- A tune that defies the listener to not air guitar and try to sing along to on first listen
- An automatic hit - a rocker that reaches in and grabs ahold of your soul and twirls it into submission
- haven't heard riffs this good in ages - AGES
- ADVICE: could use more gusto in solo -- maybe FXs -- maybe a few bends -- just needs 'something' BUT still sounds good
- I Can't believe this song is 4:44 -- feels like 3:05 -- It just incinerates the speakers with 'cool'
- Holy shit what a catchy tune! <-- really catchy, and love the way the verse comes out of the chorus
- Vocal FXs in later verse are well done - really fits

Score: 5.0 -- (5)

"Dig Me Up"

- Intro is really nice sounding, lovely
- Blends into the chorus in an unique way - like a great blend of two different songs into one great one

- Love the line " It's all coming back like a flood" into the guitar solo which is ... Hummable and catchy :) in fact the blend of the vocals with it was genius -- Damn good stuff
- What a beautiful song -- everything about it is so 'genuine' sounding -- Incredible
- Just incredible
- The guitarist's solo is just perfect - touches on what a solo should be - completely memorable and incredibly well placed and catchy

Score: 5.0 -- (5)

OVERALL - A very talented band that can perform and write excellent tunes coupled with professional production in a radio ready presentation that screams out for the world to notice and the world will. Fronted by a vocalist with a fresh and strong delivery and backed by tight musicianship with songs that pierce the heart, touch the soul and drive the body to groove. This band's rise to fame could only be slowed by the aging, dinosaur that is the record industry. The best that the indy world has to offer bar none.

HIGHLIGHTS: Twirl, Dig Me Up, Seismic Election, War and Trains

"Amplify the Sun" EP Score 94/100 (based on a seven song album)