

LIVE REVIEW: Blind Guardian and Gloryhammer bring the power to Dublin

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SURE power/symphonic metal is just ridiculous, all those stupid lyrics, the pomposity and the posturing...wrong! It can be all those things and be magnificent, majestic and much more.

Such was the case when **Blind Guardian** and **Gloryhammer** lay siege to a packed Academy in Dublin on 19th May.



On the topic of silliness Gloryhammer take the proverbial biscuit, munch it up, add an oversize hammer and an extra dash of Hoots.

Angus McFife (Thomas Winkler) battled the evil sorcerer Zargothrax (Christopher Bowes) on stage as we morphed between the medieval battles across the kingdom of Fife, to the inter-dimensional space time shift that saw the 'Rise of the Chaos Wizards'.

Okay, stop sniggering at the back, sure it is silly, it is preposterous, but it works. The Academy sang along to 'Hail the Crail' and Winkler was a bundle of energy, cajoling the crowd, and James Cartwright (Hootsman) sank a can down his throat as the audience chanted 'Hoots' in acclaim.

It was a set that won over doubters and earned new fans for Gloryhammer.

As soon as the lights dimmed later for Blind Guardian the roar intensified as Hansi strode on stage with a grin almost as wide as the stage itself.

They are something of symphonic/power metal royalty across Europe since emerging from Krefeld, Germany in the mid 1980s.

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