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Lez Zeppelin
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"Lez Zeppelin"

2007 Self Release
Score: 8.5 (of 10)

Lez Zeppelin is the New York City-based all-girl Led Zeppelin tribute act. Their debut album, which features 6 Zeppelin covers and 2 original songs, was recorded with producer/engineer Eddie Kramer (Led Zeppelin, Jimi Hendrix, KISS) and mastered by George Marino, who worked with Jimmy Page digitally remastering the original Led Zeppelin recordings.

Any tribute band can be judged on numerous levels. The base level is how the band stacks up to the original; in these terms Lez Zeppelin is pretty great. Lez really does Led's songs justice; they hit the heavy bluesy-ness perfectly on the head. Singer Sarah McLellan has a deep, powerful voice with a great range, that is perfect for the material.

Lez Zeppelin can also be judged simply as a band in and of itself. On this front the band also does well. The band plays their instruments great and the vocals are well performed. The original songs (one of which was co-written by Eddie Kramer) are well written and performed and fit the overall tone and feel of the Led songs surprisingly well. The one bad thing about the original songs is that they do not include any vocals.

Overall: This is a well-done, interesting concept. Really the one knock on this album is that it is short and more original songs might have made it even more interesting.

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