



## Hanggai



### Juan Zou De Ren

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**The second album from the Mongolian hits of the Wacken metal festival.**

It's been a while since there's been some good hard rock from the grasslands, which makes all the more exciting the sense of anticipation before the overtone throat singing comes in on opener Gobi Road. Uruumdush continues this metal rush, but the real treat here is when the sextet take their foot off the pedal, pick up their horse-hair fiddles and update traditional melodies (even if Yuan Ding Cap and Ayrhindu seem to be simply two different takes on the same drinking song).

Dorov Moraril, on the other hand, rocks like Status Quo at their best. Produced by Ken Stringfellow and taped live in the studio, this is a significant step forward from their first LP, which was recorded in layers and felt more of a brave and successful experiment. Like Tinariwen, Hanggai were put on this planet to revive your love for old-school riffage. Embrace them.

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