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The M.E.M.O.R.Y. Lab were an Coldwave/ EBM group based out of Italy in the 90's. "The Modern Expressing Machines Of Revolutionary Youth Laboratory" is essentially everything that the group recorded save for a few tracks, recently re-mastered and released by the fine folks at D-Trash.

The most recent material here dates back ten years to 1999 when the band called it quits, but it certainly doesn't sound dated at all. The production is great, and the music itself is diverse and still very modern sounding. The M.E.M.O.R.Y. Lab were ahead of a lot of their peers for sure in those terms.

All of the 8 tracks here are prime examples of what I like about Coldwave: Hard beats, cold, symphonic synths, heavy as fuck guitars and a healthy dose of experimentation. There is also a nice dramatic flair on some of the tracks that makes me think of old school Goths like Christian Death and Bauhaus. But musically I imagine this as a contemporary to early 90's / late 80's Wax Trax! scene. This would have fit in perfectly with some of those records, especially stuff like Die Warzau and Ministry.

Every one of the songs here is a well conceived and unique statement of Industrial fury, and I pretty much enjoy them all equally. If you dig your industrial with lots of metal and you dig old school coldwave, you will most certainly dig The M.E.M.O.R.Y. Lab. Check them out, you won't regret it.

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