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BA. KU.: Kult Skating/Dark Rituals



Synopsis

Within the city of Vancouver, and amongst the deep wilderness of B.C. dwells the Barrier Kult. They're an assembly of incognito professional skateboarders that ritualize their skill on concrete barriers. The team was created ten years ago by Deer Man of Dark Woods and Depth Leviathan Dweller, who decided to adorn a mask of anonymity after growing tired of the repetition of the professional skate world. One would argue that the Barrier Kult's entire way of skating is repetitive, but the team takes this as a challenge to land big tricks... on stone cold concrete. BA. KU.Â resembles a religious cult and is likewise intricate and timeless. The skaters' ages range from early twenties, to mid-forties, with members spread around the world and meet up in Vancouver, (or wherever there is a proper barrier) when it comes time to collect footage for a video/film. Though alchemy and other ritual practices interest the Barrier Kult, their true roots lie in music and nature. The team is promoted by and has worked with countless bands in the black metal/noise community and feels that the genre has been able to loan the group its face and image. By connecting with these heavy musical influences,Â BA. KU.Â has been able to grow a loyal fan base that is not concerned with who may be behind the balaclava mask. While watching the team perform, the vast nature of B.C. creates the atmosphere, and war metal amplifies the experience. Most of skateboarding culture has been linked to punk, rap, metal and other similar genres, so the rookie members ofÂ BA. KU.Â are all proud to sport the musical inspirations of the organization.

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The photography captures the essence of why these skaters are so intrigued with barriers and the

danger/thrill that goes along with skating them!!! Well done Mr. Tafuro. Looking forward to seeing your unique perspective of other genres.

Beautifully made!!!!!! love the creativity of this artist. Every photo is extremely interesting and very unique. I love tis and im going to buy a couple copys more to my friends for christmas gifts.

One of my favorite photo collections that I own. I've followed the Vancouver based; Barrier Kult for years, and worship their RITUAL BARRIER KNIFING. This book covers the aesthetic, skating, and imagery; in both lomographic, and professional photography. Easily 5/5.

Blown away by this intimate look into the world of the Barrier Kult. From sick landscapes to striking portraits (the "goth girl" mentioned by another reviewer is actually their alchemist), BA.KU. offers an accurate documentary of the team that also embraces the fantasy that surrounds them.

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