

***VNV Nation at the Necto in Ann Arbor
A DJ Performance Review***

*Dr. Thanatos of Ann Arbor
Before Samhain (10.16.06 C.E.)*

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Dr. Thanatos, Spare Parts, and DJ Anakatora hung out with Ronan Harris and Mark Jackson of VNV Nation last night at the Necto in Ann Arbor. (Jinx, the resident DJ, kindly let us spend most of the night in the DJ booth.) These performers ran the digital turntables at the weekly “Factory” night which focuses on Gothic, Industrial, and Electronic music (q.v., www.TheNecto.com). Ronan and Mark played mostly Synthpop during their several-hour set including many of their own tracks to which they added voiceovers and comments. The highlights of the performance were VNV Nation’s “Beloved” and “Perpetual” which Ronan said contained “everything that I wanted to ever ever [sic] wanted to say”. The event was a sell out (making it difficult to dance ☺) with everyone dressed in their best attire in honor of the special guest DJs. Ronan had DJ’ed at The Necto in the Summer and appreciated the vibe of “Factory Mondays” so much that he returned with Mark. In fact, Ronan commented during his set that even though VNV Nation had performed around the world Ann Arbor had a special “magic” that he had not seen elsewhere. He also added that VNV Nation would be returning to the area for a full gig in Detroit during the Spring of 2007, and we are hopeful that they will again DJ at the Necto when they return to Michigan.