

NAZARETH

Rock 'n' Roll

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There's no question that the sound of front man Dan McCafferty and Nazareth was the archetype for a generation of bands, including AC/DC and Guns & Roses. Well here it is, some 40 years later, and these classic rockers are still pumping out vital meat and potatoes rock 'n' roll. McCafferty's voice is remarkably still on point and tastefully gritty, with noteworthy moments evident on the acoustic and driving "Back 2B4," the rousing "Punch a Hole in the Sky" and the sage-like "One Set of Bones." There are some wonderful group harmonies on "Winter Sunlight" and an atypical departure into hip-hop, with "Long Long Time," that is sincere and really works.