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A brief look at some DVD's you need to grab!

PUNK FROM THE BOWERY

[TWO LIVE SONGS FROM MANY OF THE GREATEST IN HARDCORE AND PUNK WHO'VE BLESSED THE CBGB'S STAGE.]

This is a must have for any fan of New York Hardcore and real punk rock. Running 97 minutes, Punk From The Bowery offers up two songs each from some of your favorite bands including; Madball, Agnostic Front, Kraut, UK Subs, Adrenaline OD, H2O, Cro Mags, Harley's War, Chaos UK, The Varukers and Poison Idea. The footage is all great quality. And you also get a 30 minute tour of the club with owner Hilly Kristal. There really need to do another one because there are so many more bands that should be on this including; Murphy's Law, The Mob, Bad Brains, Karen Black, Merauder, Leeway, I could go on forever. Shit, do a series of these things! [MVD DVD]



IF I SHOULD FALL FROM GRACE

[DOCUMENTARY ON FORMER POGUES FRONTMAN SHANE MACGOWAN.]

This is just great. The footage is television quality and the editing is great jumping from live shows to interviews to hanging with Shane footage. Here you get performances of all his greatest hits both solo and with The Pogues. You also get interviews with Pogues members, friends and even Shane's parents. It's all here, the alcohol and drug abuse, the conflicts and the really bad dental hygiene. I won't even tell you about all the extras. I want to leave you with a little surprise. If you're a fan or just like a good documentary, you must own this. [MVD DVD]



PUNK O RAMA

[A COMPILATION OF VIDEOS FROM ALL YOUR FAVORITE EPITAPH BANDS.]

Not really much to explain here. You get all the MTV style videos from the likes of Pennywise, Rancid, Refused, Dropkick Murphy's, Bad Religion, NOFX, Offspring, Descendents, Hot Water Music and every other band you might expect. Extras include the history of Epitaph told by the folks who pull all the strings, Pennywise behind the video footage and both Bad Religion and Bouncing Souls live. Definitely worth picking up, for real! [EPITAPH]



SOME OTHER TITLES WORTH GETTING:

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VARIOUS ARTISTS • Michigan Fest 2002

make-up and black magic, the band donned sailor hats and made their American breakthrough that is still considered one of the greatest homocore albums of its time.

Featuring the classics "The Midnight NAMBLA," "Turbonegro Hates The Kids" and "Denim Demon," their hedonistic attitude and self-destructive music masked by incredibly catchy hooks sent shockwaves down the spinal chord of punk rock. *Ass Cobra* made headway not only with the Euro-punk scene but it was an album that stood out with liberating qualities and a symbol of self-expression.

Apocalypse Dudes transformed Turbonegro into a dark and sadistic band as vocalist Hank Von Helvete decided to rebel against the current state of punk rock influenced more so by the grunge scene than by bands like Poison Idea, Wire, and The Birthday Party. *Apocalypse Dudes* continues with more incredibly viable songs like "Don't Say Motherfucker, Motherfucker," "Zillion Dollar Sadist," and "The Age of Pamparius," but where *Ass Cobra* busted out with balls-out shock rock, *Apocalypse Dudes* plays a more schlocky role in their late '70'/early 80's metal-punk-glam rock persona. Still, *Apocalypse Dudes* did go down in the books as an incredibly fresh and shocking look at an older sound. [EPITAPH/BURNING HEART] - Andrew Duncan

VARIOUS ARTISTS

Atticus: *Dragging The Lake II*
[HARD-DRIVING PROGRESSIVE PUNK, GARAGE FUNK & SKA THAT WILL ROCK YOUR PANTS OFF.]



Hot damn, get out your rock pants because with a lineup like this, *Dragging The Lake II* will have you tattered and torn before it's all over. Atticus Clothing and Side One Dummy, the label that brought you all of those Warped Tour comps, is releasing its follow-up to the appropriately titled *Dragging The Lake I. Volume II* is hotter than ever with songs from Rocket From The Crypt, Hot Water Music, Jets To Brazil, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones and so much more. There are also unreleased tracks from the Dropkick Murphy's, Blink 182, Lagwagon, Alkaline Trio and others. After

repeating the RFTC opener enough times to wear out the CD - they perform "I'm Not Invisible" from the album *Live At Camp K-Ray* - It was time to unleash the rest of the CD. Hard-hitting punk rock, power pop, emo, screamo, its all here on one steamy platter. And yes to confirm, the Blink 182 song does suck, especially after being pummeled down by the first five bands. [SIDE ONE DUMMY] - Andrew Duncan

WATERDOWN

The Files You Have On Me

[A BLEND OF '80'S SYNTH ROCK WITH DEATH METAL THAT IS COMPARED TO MIXING WATER WITH OIL. FANS OF AT THE GATES, GRADE & '80'S SYNTH ROCK MUSIC TAKE NOTE.]



It's amazing to see such a distinct split personality with this German hardcore outfit. With each song, there is a tag-team vocal effort from Ingo Reiser and Marcel Bischoff. On one side you have this intense borderline Euro-metal sound with one of the vocalist screaming like a raging butcher. On the other side you have intricate and melodic emo-like qualities with the other vocalist sounding like a cross between Tony Hadley of Spandau Ballet and David Gahan from Depeche Mode.

This combination makes each song in such a constant attempt at turmoil while the band keeps chugging through in a progressive manner. *The Files You Have On Me* also continues to add maturity to a band deep in their second release. In a Socratic view, conflict plays an important upper hand, but the band treads on thin ice with a list of semi-impressive tunes. [VICTORY] - Andrew Duncan

SPRING RELEASES

- Nothingface • *Skeleton* [TVT]
- Elliott • *Song in the Air* [REVELATION]
- Adharma • *Gain Down* [TOO DAMN HYPER]
- Deftones • *TBA* [MAVERICK]
- Shai Hulud • *That Within...* [REVELATION]
- Nuclear Assault • *Alive Again* [SCREAMING FIST]
- Lamb Of God • *As The Palaces Burn* [PROSTHEMER]
- Type O Negative • *The Dream Is Dead* [ROADSHOW]
- Dropkick Murphy's • *the Blackout* [EPITAPH]
- The Locust • *Plague Soundscapes* [AMT]
- Joe Strummer • *TBA* [HELLCAT]
- Manic Hispanic • *Milo Goes To Jr College* [BVO]
- None More Black • *File Under Black* [RA]