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DVD: DEVO Live In The Land Of The Rising Sun

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Rating: 8 Out Of 10 - Reviewed by Bam-Bam



In case you thought this late 70's/early 80's Pop/New Wave Sensation was over and done with, 2003 saw them touring Japan. This well-recorded DVD highlights an entire show from that tour, along with some very cool bonus features like exclusive interviews, and fun little excursions with the band. First of all, in regards to the actual concert, although you can tell the boys have aged and most of them are sporting yellow paper suits that are much bigger than what they used to wear, they sound better than ever. All the hits are present including "Whip It", "Satisfaction", "Mongoloid", "Freedom Of Choice" and more. We even get a couple montages of classics like the "Gut Feeling" / "Slap Yer Mammy" duo and a "Smart Patrol" / "Mr. DNA" offering. The stage is large and set up just like it should be for maximum visual effect with lighting that could scorch the surface of the sun itself. You get great crowd shots (where you can see the Japanese audience all wearing their DEVO attire, which is truly classic!) interspersed with some cool close-up angles that make you feel as if you're right there. The sound quality is great, and visually it's top-notch. Now, onto my favorite part of the whole DVD...the interviews! These are worth the price of the DVD since I still love to hear the

story about how they formed out of college as an art project with a mission to prove that Man was its own enemy. It's almost eerie to realize, after all these years, just how right the boys really were. Funny anecdotes are mixed with very informative information about the early years and how they accomplished a lot of what they did to make the bonus features a huge highlight of this package. Highly recommended to fans of the band and people like myself who just love great music history. Purchase for the incredibly low price of only \$14.95 at WWW.MUSICVIDEODISTRIBUTORS.COM, where you can also find a huge wealth of other great DVD releases.

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