



DEVO- LIVE 1980- MVD

The ol' spudboys.... One of my favorite bands of all-time. This was the 1st tour that friends of mine caught but I didn't see them until 1982 (the OH

NO IT'S DEVO tour) at Philadelphia's Tower Theatre. This gig is, ironically enough, from the Phoenix Theatre in Petaluma, California, a place that I would see many live gigs over the years when I lived in nearby Santa Rosa, CA from 1992-2002. This was the red, upside-down flower pot phase (FREEDOM OF CHOICE) and I don't care what the Devo purists say, I loved their synth era too. Many hardcore Devo fans think only the band's first 2 records are of any worth (where it was mostly guitars) but I think their next 3 records (FREEDOM OF CHOICE, NEW TRADITIONALISTS, and OH NO ...) are fantastic records as well...THEN they went downhill. Anywho, this live gig has many said hits off the first 2 records and shows the band in fine form. You even get some classic, more obscure songs like "Pink Pussycat", "It's Not Right" and "Blockhead" while there's also a healthy smattering of classics too : "Smart Patrol / Mr. DNA", "Gut Feeling"/ "Slap Your Mammy" and, of course, too many others (Whip It, Mongoloid, Girl U Want, etc.). 21 songs in all plus, if you flip the dvd over it's a c! d and you even get a bonus performance of Devo's alter-ego, Dove ! (www.mvdb2b.com)

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