

DEVO_LUTION

The delights of Devo are captured on a splendid CD (one side)/DVD (on the other side) package. Those fabulous folk at Target Video have once again provided the punters with a potent product which puts its weight behind the prosperity of alternative music! Target with the support of Music Video Distributors have placed the live work of a series of seminal artists upon DVD for posterity, and this triumphant achievement offers an essential exploration in to the aural archives.

The dynamism of Devo, live at the height of their powers 25 years ago, categorically confirms that here is another band that has appeal for a new generation of music fans. Devo-'Live 1980' is jam packed with new wave tunes that are infectious, individual, and indelible! These lads are out to breakfast, lunch, dinner and supper with their spudboy meets flowerpot men mania (look and learn!) From the opening bars of the wonderful 'Whip It' there is Devo-lution on the planet where new wave meets an electro future. These sonic space invaders work a way in to the subconscious with a manifesto of high tempo, power pop, tunes with almost nursery rhyme qualities. It a world that Dr. Who has not visited, but he is advised to get in to his tardis, and set the dials for an era where the late 70's punk shake up led to an era of diamond encrusted experimentation.

Devo were at the forefront of the American leftfield search for new sounds, and their aural and visual energy is perfectly captured on this release. If Gerry Anderson were looking for a house band for Thunderbirds, these Thundernerds would provide the perfect beat! Their puppet dancing, crazy costumes and galaxy groove places them on their own unique and enticing pedestal. Don't 'Be Stiff' get up of your behind, get Devo in your life and contort your body to these 'Secret Agent Men'.

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