



DEVO -- Live 1980 (Music Video Distributors)

We've been meaning to turn readers on to this Devo DualDisc -- with a video DVD on one side and an audio CD on the other -- for a while now. But hey, better late than never, right? Spudheads have reason to rejoice over the unleashing of *Live 1980* as it presents the band in support of their *Freedom of Choice* (1980) album. The combo are in their prime and modern audiences can see and hear the full-length set, exactly the way it went down at the Phoenix Theater in Petaluma, California August 17, 1980.

Actually, the DVD experience is probably better thanks to the 5.1 Surround Sound. Fan favorites "Whip It," "Planet Earth," "Swelling Itching Brain," "Freedom of Choice," "Jocko Homo," "Smart Patrol," "Mr. DNA," and of course the "Devo Corporate Anthem" are joined by inspired cover versions of classic rock oldies "Secret Agent Man" and "(I Cant Get No) Satisfaction." The DVD side also boasts footage of the Devo spin-off project, Dove -- The Band Of Love, who disguised themselves as Christian rockers. They perform "Praying Hands" and "Shrivel Up," at the M80 Festival.

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