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## Dwarves – F@\*^ You Up And Get Live

Picture: B- Sound: B Extras: C+ Main

Program: B-

The Dwarves: a band some out there may have never heard of, but regardless, a band whose album artwork will probably be familiar to almost all. On this DVD we have a fairly average concert performance package - the option of 5.1 surround or 2.0 stereo for those who may be behind the times with their playback



equipment. Several music videos were also thrown in for good measure (though a few are rather short, and most are just extra concert footage culled from other tour stops). Next, slap on a preceding piece showcasing the fans briefly and then build up momentum for the band as they take the stage. Cap it off with a healthy performance with a decent length and you're set. If you're a fan and enjoy live concerts, you'll be pleased and should know exactly what to expect.

This disc has been put together well enough, but unfortunately there's not a lot to say. How much enjoyment you get out of it all comes down to how much you like the band. Personally, I'm kind of mixed on how I feel on them - sometimes I'm in the mood for the loud and fast (but still catchy) kind of music. Most of the time, though, I'm trying to find something new and different. It doesn't make it any easier that I view them as something of a gimmick band... but how else could you classify punk rockers whose lead guitarist wears Mexican wrestling masks and often plays in the nude, and a band whose albums prominently display gorgeous naked women photographed alongside actual dwarves... gimmick or not, it'd still make for great poster art. But anyway, I do find myself enjoying the band now and then. Still, I wouldn't call them a favorite of mine either.

As I said earlier, if you consider yourself a fan of the Dwarves, you can't go wrong with this purchase. The concert was filmed decently enough and the running time of 75 minutes is adequate for the material. The sound is good and clear overall, so you won't be straining your ears trying to listen past the crowd or some poorly tracked audio. There aren't really any bonus features on here, other than the videos. But that might be a good thing - I'm never too big of a fan when it comes to sitting down with a band and hearing why they did such and such - just hand me the LP and let me decide things on my own.

At least a couple of the music videos are worth watching, and there are ample amounts of flesh to keep everybody happy. Everything you expect of the band is here, and I imagine a lot of you are going to be happy. Hope you enjoy.

- David Milchick

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