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## NEW YORK DOLLS - All Dolled Up

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NEW YORK  
DOLLS - All  
Dolled Up  
MVD Inc.  
By Bob Cooper

New York Dolls fans have a rather special treat awaiting them in the form of this new DVD release from Music Video Distributors. All Dolled Up gives us a special up-close-and-personal look at this band through the camera eyes of Bob Gruen and Nadya Beck, a husband and wife team whom, after buying themselves a portable video outfit, followed the dolls on tour in the early 70's just as they began to break into the music scene. Here we have the early shows at Max's Kansas City and Kenny's Castaways in New York before they headed out west on their first tour where they played the Whiskey A Go Go and Rodney Bingenheimers E Club, and subsequently their first TV performance on The Real Don Steele Show. This is a documentary for all practical purposes but it is also a lot more when you consider the effect that this band had on the music industry and the influence that they brought to the punk/gender benders that succeeded them.

While all of the concert footage was filmed in black and white (SEARING B/W you might say- the camera used must have been an early model FLIR prototype, as it picked up heated objects more than cool ones. Things like lit cigarettes appeared like the dudes were smoking road flares!) yet there are also some interview segments in colour as the band members reflect back upon their "glory days"

THE SONGS: Human Being, Bad Detective, Subway Train, Personal Crisis, Trash, Vietnamese Baby, Looking For A Kiss, Jet Boy, Who Are The Mystery Girls?, Private World, Hoochie Koochie Man, Great Big Kiss, Babylon, Frankenstein, Chatterbox, Pirate Love, Down Down Downtown, Pills, Teenage News.

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BONUS ITEMS: Full performances of 12 songs, a 16 page photo booklet, a rather extensive photo gallery with commentary by photographer Bob Gruen, and commentary tracks by singer David Johansen, Sylvain Sylvain, and Bob Gruen.

This DVD is a must for any Dolls fan- in fact it would be safe to say that this is to the Doll-ologist what Anthology was to Beatle fans!

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