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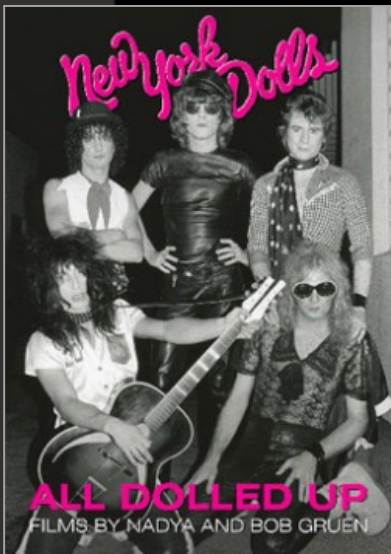
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## NEW YORK DOLLS All Dolled Up

A more intimate look at the Dolls couldn't possibly be had than within this amateur video journal from rock photographer Bob Gruen, who bought a "portable video recorder" around the time of the second Dolls' album (we're talking late 70s, then, meaning the video recorder was probably about as "portable" as a fully grown orangutan).

He and his wife proceeded to follow the band around for a spell, capturing 40 hours of live shows, backstage depravity, and pilled-out ranting from Johansen, Thunders and associates.

The main body of this documentary (and make no mistake, that's what this is; a neutral-party vision of schlock and awe for the ages) captures the band acting out while preparing for gigs at New York clubs Castaways and the Kansas City, then boarding a plane bound for LA (Johansen flits around queenishly in pumps and ladies hats to the horror of the straights in the terminal), and later celebrating their triumphant week at the Whiskey by partying with Quaalude-ruined sluts.

Within this section the live tunes are limited to a few bars here and there, but another DVD slice features the performances in their entirety. Don't expect Spielberg here – the camera Gruen used is the cinematographic equivalent of a boombox, and there are times when the interviews are unintelligible.

What makes up for that in spades, however, is the band's raw, deconstructionist honesty captured by its soul-mate in visual-gadgetry, in black and white, as was this incredible act's view of everything from poseurism to hopeless sexual acts to getting violently stomped by the man.

The punchline here is the sound, of course, which at times is an improvement on their studio handiwork. Eye-popping, timeless and mandatory for

new or old

Dolls fans.

Label: MVD

Running Time: 230 mins

**Eric Saeger**, 30 Dec 2005



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