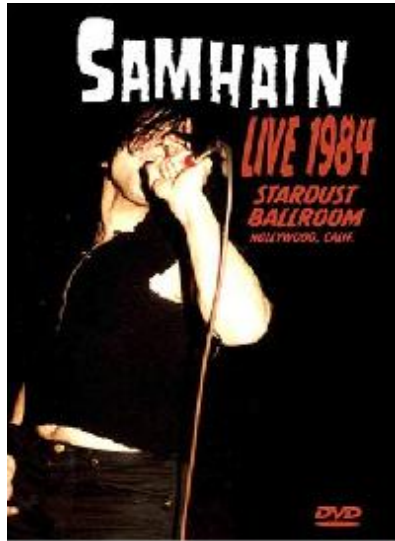


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Samhain

Live 1984 at the Stardust Ballroom

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Samhain is often the overlooked part of Glenn Danzig's career. After the highly influential Misfits, but before his metal success with Danzig was the horror punk nightmare that was Samhain. If you've never heard of them, think a creepier Misfits. Come on, the Misfits were nothing if not fun, but Samhain was where Danzig got just a little scary.

"Live 1984" captures Samhain at the Stardust Ballroom. The room is packed and the crowd is wild. The band puts on a high-energy performance, pulling out versions of Misfits songs such as "Halloween II", "Die Die My Darling" and "Horror Business" alongside the darker Samhain material such as "All Murder, All Guts, All Fun" and "I Am Misery". This would be a great DVD if the quality wasn't lackluster. The cameras are often pointing at the floor or ceiling, and the audio constantly cuts out (only briefly each time).

When it comes right down to it this DVD isn't about quality. It's about the passion and energy of a legendary punk band. Despite the poor audio and video "Live 1984" is an enjoyable glimpse of Samhain at their best.

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