



**Released by:**  
Music Video  
Distributors

**Year of Release:**  
2005

**Running time:**  
48 min.

**Rating:**  
NR

**Color format:**  
Color

**Audio / Subtitles:**  
Stereo, 5.1 surround

**Region Code:**  
1, NTSC

**Aspect Ratio:**  
Full frame

**16:9 enhanced?**  
No

**Special Features\*:**  
None

**Trailer online:**  
No

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### DVD REVIEW

#### SAMHAIN – LIVE 1984: STARDUST BALLROOM, HOLLYWOOD, CA.

Review by Mark Jason Murray



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Video footage of the seems to be scarce with the only official video release (of two live shows) included in the Samhain box set. This new DVD is a welcome addition to any hardcore fans collection, filmed in 1984 by Al Flipside of Flipside magazine. In terms of video quality think public access as you get cheesy fades and overlaps but the multiple camera shots make it much more enjoyable. The band pounds through 15 tracks all from the 'Initium' LP or 'Unholy Passion' EP (with the exception of 'Halloween II' and the Misfits classic 'Die, Die My Darling'). Although a bit sloppy the band and the crowd are energetic and every fan will want to add this to their collection. A couple of things that stood out to me is the fact that the band (excluding Danzig) seem extremely young as well as when Danzig dons a guitar and although suffering through technical difficulties, pounds out 'Archangel' with noticeable delight implying some type of higher personal fondness for the track.

The audio is direct from the sound board which makes it much more enjoyable than if it had the 'live camcorder' sound fan videos often have. The only gripe is the static and distortion that occurs often in the vocal track, sometimes overpowering the music. The 5.1 remix track is a nice addition but doesn't really improve on the situation. All in all this is a decent release that fans won't want to pass up.



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