



Samhain: Live 1984 at the Stardust Ballroom DVD
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Back in the days before his neck was the size of my ample thigh, young Glen Danzig and the monochromatic Samhain played one hell of a show at the stained-ceilinged, bygone Stardust Ballroom in Hollywood, CA. You can almost smell the sweat just watching it on DVD.

Some asshole kept turning the lights off, and most of the video looks like it was shot by a drunken midget, but through technical difficulties and broken strings, the band played on and somehow the poor filming, audio and video just enhance the rawness of an original, hardcore 1984 punk show. The bad technique also gives you a great glimpse at the crowd, cementing this DVD's place as an essential wardrobing tool for retro fans everywhere.

Danzig's voice is full of former Misfits, and Danzigs to come, yet reminiscent of Mick Jagger, with Eerie Von, Steve Zing, and Pete "Damien" Marshall as backup, and followed up with classic lead ins like, "1,2 3, go!", you can't help feeling like drinking a couple of PBRs and punching some punkass in the eye after you've watched this.

Unmistakable favorites like a fervent, unpolished version of "Die, Die My Darling" and the (at the time) new, re-vamped "Horror Biz" make this a must-have for Samhain, Misfits or Danzig followers. The convenience of being able to skip to the beginning of each track makes this DVD a worthwhile purchase as well. If you're good this year, maybe Santa will bring it for you.

If not, maybe Satan will.

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