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Picture: C+ Sound: B- Extras: C+ Concert: B-

Ned's Atomic Dustbin is one of Britain's better latter-day post-Punk Rock bands and it is surprising they did not have even more success in The United States to date. It looks like even they may have been considered to smart, strong and subversive for the mainstream and they are not even that hardcore. Fortunately, they have a solid fan base and have had consistent sales. **Shoot The Neds!** is their new concert DVD from MVD and Secret Records, showing the band has no intention of letting up.

The band is as for real as any band in their genre that followed, never selling out to a thing. The following playlist includes most of their classics:

- 1) Not Sleeping Around
- 2) Happy
- 3) Cut Up
- 4) Selfish
- 5) Walking Through Syrup
- 6) Capital Letters
- 7) Stuck
- 8) Trust
- 9) Nothing Like
- 10) Intact
- 11) Until You Find Out
- 12) Bite
- 13) Scrawl
- 14) Kill Your Television
- 15) Song Eleven Could Take Forever
- 16) Aim
- 17) Plug Me In
- 18) Grey Cell Green
- 19) Terminally Groovie
- 20) Titch

Even those titles are great, but the songs are more than up to not disappointing and this concert is a fine introduction to the band if you have never heard of them or always wanted to look into their work. Sure, there are the albums on CD, but they are great to see in concert like all real (and for real) Rock bands. The concert runs over an hour.

The anamorphically enhanced 1.78 X 1/16 X 9 image is shot on digital video and is not awful, but lacks detail. For the stage performance at hand, the shooting is fine, but this could be a little clearer and sharper. The Dolby Digital 5.1 mix is a bit better, with some good surrounds; though a band this good deserves DTS somewhere down the line. Extras include a sound check performance always done prior to a show, text biography of the band set to music that is a nice alternative to the usual frame-by-frame set-up and interview with the band that runs about 45 minutes. Good disc.

- Nicholas Sheffo

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