



**Ned's Atomic Dustbin**

*Shoot The Neds! In Concert*

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I really, really, really miss **Ned's Atomic Dustbin**. I mean REALLY. This band kind of gave me the power to continue throughout much of the 90's... along with other great acts like **The Catherine Wheel** and **The Charlatans UK**. They not only constantly renewed my faith in the music industry as a whole, and Britain in particular, but imbued my entire existence with the same joyous rock'n'roll euphoria that the mods must have felt attending those early gigs by **The Who**. This was music history being made, and it made me feel good. Really good.

Well, take a trip down memory lane with me, as we sit and watch *Shoot The Neds! In Concert*. The first time I put this DVD in, I put it in my computer because I needed to write this review. Well, that just wasn't working. I immediately took it out to the stereo in the living room, cranked up the volume and bounced around the house for a good couple of hours. Now, that's the way this music is supposed to be heard! Ned's was never a band that was quiet, easy listening. It's just impossible with those dueling bass players going at it all the time. So, when you buy this DVD, which you must if you've ever heard Ned's, then make sure to crank the volume wayyyyy up when you play it.

All the classic tracks are represented in this fantastic DVD package that features not only the concert footage, but also soundcheck footage, an interview with the band, and a very informative biography of the band. This biography is a great insight into the internal machinations of Ned's, revealing where the band members came from and how they developed the unique chemistry that helped shape the modern world of music. The interview is remarkable, humorous, and enlightening as well.

But the meat of this DVD is the show. And the show is perfection. Each of the songs is raw and blistering in its performance, the members of Ned's squeezed onto a relatively small stage. There is more energy on this DVD than most live performances, and it all translates very well to the screen. It is truly like being there... especially if the stereo is cranked way up. Watching **John Penney** run through these songs and interact with the crowd makes one wonder why the band didn't continue playing after the loss of two members... This incarnation of the band was just as great as the original lineup. Well, there is always hope that we may get some new Ned's in the future I suppose.

For now, we are left with a handful of amazing records that truly inspire the soul of the listener to great energetic heights and a couple great live shows on DVD that remind us ostensibly of what it was like to be young. There was no **Wonder Woman** music on this video, but you can't slight it for something as small as that.

***-Embo Blake***

Track Listing:

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
18. In Grey Cell Green
19. Terminally Groovie
20. Titch

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