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STIFF LITTLE FINGERS In Concert: Handheld & Rigidly Digital MVD

Stiff Little Fingers is one of those bands that is a big deal for the punk scene but didn't necessarily receive the same media output that bands like The Clash and Ramones got back in the 70's, but after viewing this DVD I think they are about to get the recognition they deserve. If you have never heard of this wonderful band here is a brief rundown. They are Irelands answer to The Clash, had hits with songs like Alternative Ulster, and have recently put out a great album on Kung Fu Records called "Guitar and Drum." Okay so what does this DVD tell us about Stiff Little Fingers? For starters they are one heck of a live rock and roll band and seeing as though this is a pretty recent show they still have it. The art form of true rock and roll is a dying breed right now and bands like Stiff Little Fingers are here to carry on the flag and traditions of a scene all too many seem to forget about today. Influenced by the Clash and an influence for bands like Material Issue, Stiff Little Fingers plays solid, fun rock and roll music and I love it. Now while the live show was good and showed what these guys bring to the table, the interview extra with lead singer Jake Burns was one of my favorite parts of this DVD. He is a very nice, fun, and down to earth guy that doesn't take everything seriously like most bands do these days and the interviewer does a spectacular job of conducting the interview so it is more like a timeline of Stiff Little Fingers. Give these guys their due as they are an influence on more bands than you probably realize. Great DVD all around! (JK)

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