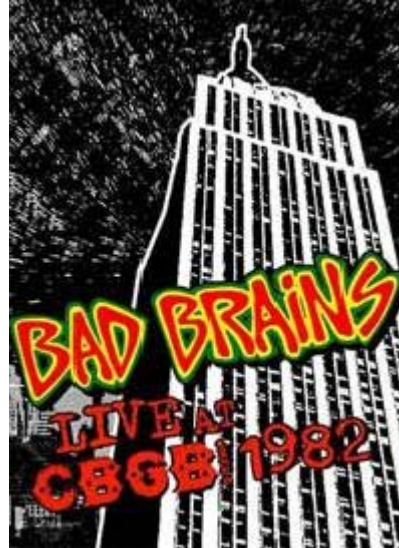
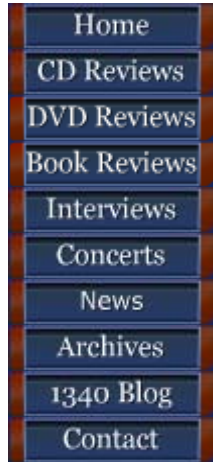




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Bad Brains

Live - CBGB 1982

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Though a fan, I was a mere child during Bad Brains' heyday. I caught some of their later releases when they reformed briefly in the 90s, but I never had the pleasure of catching Bad Brains live in their prime. Live At CBGB 1982 catches this phenomenal punk band at the height of their mastery during a three day festival December 24, 25 and 26. Bad Brains played every night of the festival, and luckily for latecomers like me someone was there to capture the video of these amazing performances.

What's so amazing about Bad Brains' live performance? This is a band that was unconventional even for the punk scene in the early 80s. Four black Rastafarians playing reggae tinged hardcore was not the norm, but the Brains not only pulled it off, but with the force of a hurricane. This band had a distinct look, sound and energy that was all their own. On stage that energy exploded into a torrent of music and activity. Vocalist H. R. explodes onto the stage, writhing like a man possessed, all the time perfectly executing his task with a voice so unique as to never be copied.

As these recordings span three separate sessions, the sound quality differs a little from song to song. Overall the quality is very good on all songs. Though we barely see lightning fast bassist Daryl Jennifer, we get to see plenty of Dr. Knows amazing lead guitar work, and Earl Hudson punishing his drums. During "Coptic Times" CBGB blows a fuse, taking out the lights. Bad Brains play on, finishing the song. This DVD is full of classics like "FVK", "Pay To Cum", "How Low Can A Punk Get", and "Right Brigade".

It's hard to pick a favorite moment from this DVD. Whether it's H. R.'s energy, or the rabid crowd going wild for a band of punk innovators, Live At CBGB 1982 takes me to a time I wish I'd been able to see. The surprisingly high production values make this a necessary purchase for any Bad Brains fan or punk historian. Bad Brains were the best of the best, and the high quality of this DVD is proof.

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