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Bad Brains: Live at CBGB 1982

Bad Brains

(MVD Visual)

One of the most intense shows I've ever seen in a quarter century of gigs was the Bad Brains live at the Milestone Club in Charlotte. The place exploded with the first note as the gathered punks, rastas, and onlookers started flying helter skelter. Never mind that the Bad Brains was antithetical to almost every black rock band that preceded it and have followed since; they played a fiery mix of reggae, dub and late-70s-early-80s punk. This DVD is a recording of a lo-fi hand-held camera, but the show is nonetheless fiercer. The quartet tore down the walls with its bombast and just as easily chilled with roots reggae and dub. For all who missed the Bad Brains version of a rock & roll show, this is the way it was.

Extras: Band interviews and an audio track of "I and I Survive."