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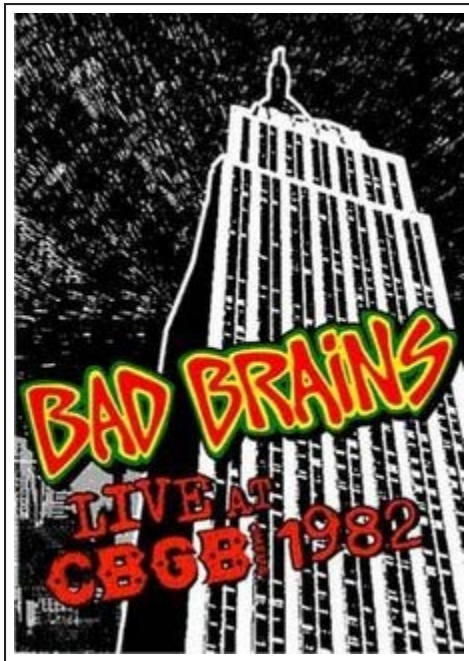
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Bad Brains - Live At CBGB 1982



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In 1977 the Washington D.C. suburb of District Heights, Maryland gave birth to one of the most explosively original and influential hardcore bands ever, Bad Brains. Though there have been a few lineup changes through the years the core band included vocalist Paul Hudson aka HR, his brother drummer Earl Hudson, bassist Darryl Jenifer and legendary guitar shredder Gary Miller aka Dr. Know. Like The Sex Pistols and The Ramones, the Bad Brains are one of those bands that you can remember where you were the first time you heard them. Often cited as the very first hardcore punk band the Brains also incorporated their love of fusion jazz and reggae into their eclectic brand of music. Their sound was not the only thing that separated them from other punk artists of the time, they were also the only all black band on the scene. The punk scene has often been looked down upon by other scenes for its weird fashion style and uncompromising musical approach but a lot of times the most bigoted music fans have been punk fans. There was a time when it was hard to go to a hardcore show and not witness fights and the inevitable skinhead gangs. One can only

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imagine what sort of prejudices Bad Brains suffered but the band always stood strong and let the music do the talking. And talk it did, in a language we had never heard before, sometimes it was hard to understand but you always knew that when Bad Brains was playing you were in the midst of greatness.

Bad Brains - Live At CBGB 1982 is exactly that: live performances compiled from four different shows at the notorious and soon to be closed down New York City venue. The stage is small, the audience is within touching distance of the band and the energy is in the air. The band plays a mix of their hardcore barnburners and the slower reggae jams that serve as a pit stop for all the kids to get their energy back. With the stage being so accessible to the fans, stage dives (more like jumps in this case) are almost non-stop. Keep an eye out for some pretty funny mishaps including a chick punching some dude for misjudging the size of the stage when he starts to dance on it. At one point a fuse for the lighting goes out but the Brains never miss a beat. At times the stage resembles a Rugby field with all the people dancing and diving off of it. It's good to see that the audience really knows the band's music singing along and just generally getting into that Bad Brains groove. The video quality isn't the greatest, you can definitely tell when the camera man get too close to the action. Glitches aside, the viewer gets a real feel for what it's like to be in the eye of the storm that is a Bad Brains live show. HR's voice is perfect, Dr. Know's frenetic fret work is flawless, Earl prove's that he is just as much a virtuoso as the others and Darryl, where the hell was Darryl? I think I saw his arm a couple of times. For those of us that never got the opportunity to see Bad Brains, Live At CBGB 1982 get's us as close to the action as humanly possible. Truly essential for fans of hardcore and even more essential for those that have never heard of Bad Brains. **Highly recommended!**

Set List:

1. Big Take Over
2. Attitude
3. I
4. I and I Rasta
5. Supertouch/Shitfit
6. King of Glory with Dave Hahn
7. Right Brigade
8. F.V.K.
9. Banned in DC
10. How Low Can a Punk Get
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Bonus Materials:

Fan interviews from 1982

Bonus audio track: I and I Survive



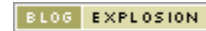
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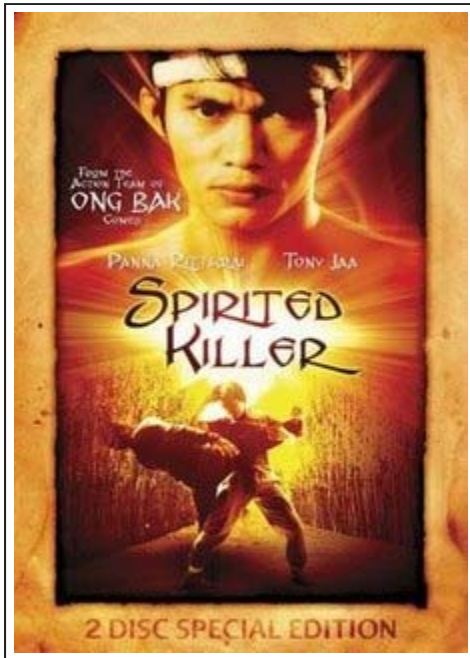
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Spirited Killer



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Let's get one thing perfectly clear, this is not a [Tony Jaa](#) vehicle. Even though the DVD cover makes it look like he is the star he's barely in it. That being said, Spirited Killer is an insanely inept little flick that has some of the goofiest characters ever assembled. Spirited Killer is one of those movies that you don't quite know if you want to recommend because some people just might not get what makes it so damn entertaining.

Medicine man, Dr. Duang, gives a potion to a few villagers and within seconds they are dead. The surviving villagers run for the village chief to tell him about the killings but only one makes it