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Bad Brains DVD Showcases 80s CBGB Punk Scene

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The hardcore punk rock movement of the 1980s was about young white suburban kids becoming frustrated at the direction American society was going. Not wanting to become like their fathers with office jobs that make them rich but hate what they do the youth's frustration and aggression was brought out in their music. Short, fast and loud was the motto of most, if not all, of the music in the hardcore genre. Watching the documentary DVD which shows Bad Brains playing three nights at famed punk rock haven CBGBs, shows just how much those kids got out of the hardcore scene of the 1980s.

Bad Brains played December 24, 25, and 26 dates of the hardcore festival held at CBGBs in 1982. Seeing how packed the venue was at all three shows and how the fans ran into, thrashed, and climbed over each other gives the viewer a taste of how crazy the scene was really was. As soon as the Bad Brains began to play, the head banging and moshing started, no matter who was within swinging distance.

Playing their entire catalogue of music, Bad Brains CBGBs resonated that night with the sounds of "Big Take Over", "Attitude", and "I and I Rasta". Admittedly, when the band played their reggae songs the mood and energy changed and it seemed as if the majority of the kids were standing still, waiting for them to play another punk rock song because they weren't feeling the preachy reggae. It just wasn't what they came for. The DVD features interviews from throughout 1982 and a bonus audio track of "I and I Survive".

The DVD is a good documentary for fans of Bad Brains and for those who are already nostalgic for CBGBs, remembering its part in the New York punk rock scene and all the memories they made there.

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