

THE MURDER JUNKIES - *European Invasion 2005* · MVD Visual

It is positively surreal to see this band without GG singing, shitting, bashing himself in the head with the mic and occasionally attacking the crowd. New singer J.B. Beverley is pretty good, if much more sedate and seemingly less insane. His vocal style works well with the more aggressive songs, such as set-opener "Highest Power." The full-screen video isn't the best quality, but really in this case it shouldn't be. The audio is also a little rough (although Surround Sound is available), and the levels are kind of all over the place, but once again, this is probably as it must be to really capture the raw essence of this band. I prefer a complete show as opposed to clips from multiple shows, which is what we have here (with other non-musical clips mixed in), but who knows how many songs they ever get to play before the show gets shut down. Or doesn't that happen anymore with GG safely in the ground? I'm a little conflicted about this. I mean, I like it, but without GG it just seems too much like a really good tribute band. That's made up for to some degree with the one bonus feature: an intense GG spoken word performance from 1989 (not '98 - the wrong date is in the video) that serves to underscore how much is missing without him. - 8 - <Ray>

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