



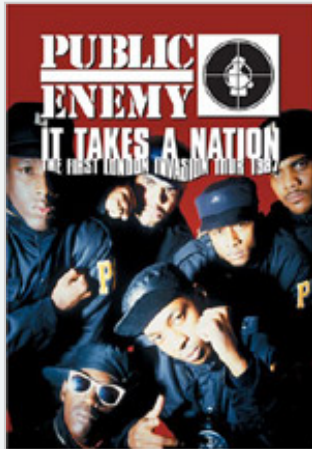
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Public Enemy

It Takes a Nation: The First London Invasion

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The *It Takes A Nation: The First London Invasion* DVD chronicles the spirited 1987 Public Enemy performance in London, England. While some of us were enjoying *Tron* and the emergence of Fruit Roll-Ups, Chuck D., Flavor Flav and Terminator X were bringing rainy London town to their feet at the Hammersmith Odeon.

The material is split between a worthwhile behind-the-scenes look at Public Enemy and their fiery live show. While the visual quality isn't exactly aces (neither are the mediocre audio remixes on the bonus CD) and Chuck and Flav might be emceeing over the actual albums during the show, this is must-see; if not for Professor Griff's stumbling through an explanation of his purpose in the group, then for the striking rendition of "Miuzi Weighs a Ton".

PE burns through hits from both *Nation...* and *Yo! Bum Rush the Show* with a vigor that's almost entirely absent from today's inconsistent lineup of hip-hop mainstays. If you've forgotten how important and influential Public Enemy was to every kid who bought the group's records, this might be the reminder you need.

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