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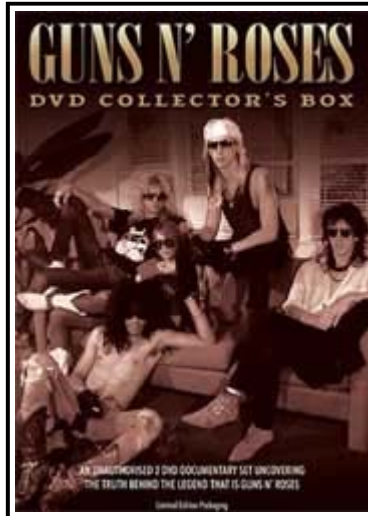
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review: GUNS N' ROSES: DVD COLLECTOR'S BOX

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This DVD Collectors Box is a 2 disc set which tells the complete and extraordinary story of Guns N Roses using never-before-seen performance and interview footage, interviews with close friends, fellow band mates, family members, music biz colleagues, and close collaborators who know them best. It features numerous location shoots, unpublished photographs and a whole host of other features. Extras include digital interactive discography, interactive quiz and did you know section. Guns N Roses created a unique sound and image that nobody has matched since. Contains Axl Rose - The Prettiest Star & Guns N Roses - Sex N' Drugs N' Rock N' Roll.



I am an unrepentant GNR fan - ever since I first heard "Sweet Child O' Mine" on the radio back in '89, I've been hooked. I've flowed 1000 miles to see them perform live, I've anxiously awaited "Chinese Democracy" with baited breath, and I've wondered what might have been when I first heard Velvet Revolver. Until the day that Hell freezes over and "Chinese Democracy" is finally available, all us Gunners have is the band's few studio albums, as well as independently-produced documentaries like the 2 included in this package set.

The first DVD focuses more on Mr. Axl Rose himself, while the 2nd is more band-centric. Again, neither are "authorized" DVDs, so you get what you get - interviews with hangers-ons, leeches & would-be friends, no music, a few still photos recycled over & over, and rehashing of stories and tales that any Gunner worth their grain in salt has already heard or read before. However, what these do deliver is a celebration of the mighty Guns n' f***in' Roses - they are the true kings of 80s & 90s hard rock and that's

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exactly the undercurrent of these discs. Sure, meathead #1 and meathead #2 interviewed really don't have much of interest to contribute to the GNR mythos, but the common thread is the passion, the zeal, the celebration of the music of the mighty band... and that's something that a beauty to behold.

The fact remains that you can't beat the price for this 2-DVD collection, so if you're a fan of the band, you're going to pick this up no matter what I write (and you'll enjoy them, don't get me wrong.) If you're someone who thinks GNR's time has long-since come & gone, then you're not only not going to be interested in collection... you're living an empty existence, not appreciating the void in your life that can only be filled be the infamous squeal, "Do you know where you are? You're in the jungle baby - you're gonna die!"

Video

The fullscreen (1.33:1) picture is sharp and clean, obviously shot with professional video cameras and solid throughout.

Audio

Dolby Digital 2.0 audio is also clean and a-okay throughout - clear, audible, no complaints.

Extras

- quiz
- discography
- photo gallery

Closing Thoughts

Pairing of 2 GNR DVDs + some fun extras = nice set for true fans, but casual viewers probably wouldn't find much of interest here

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