

Guns N' Roses

This box gathers 2 DVDs published a few years ago about Guns N' Roses and its singer, **Axl Rose**. They are unauthorized DVDs by Rose and the group but, even if one had requested his opinion from Rose, he would have probably said no anyway. *Sex N' Drugs N' Rock N' Roll* presents the history of the band by interviews with specialists of the Los Angeles hard rock scene. They present their difficult debut, until the latest years of Axl with new musicians. Each album is presented, even the famous *Chinese Democracy* which is still not on sale after years of speculation on its date of release. *The Prettiest Star* introduces the Axl Rose persona with his unpleasant attitude. They talk about his childhood in Lafayette, Indiana before he becomes one of most acclaimed rock 'n' roll stars in the world. They come back of course on *Chinese Democracy* and some other elements are repeated on the 2 discs since they had not been produced in the beginning to be presented together. An interesting portion of this 2nd DVD, it's that they go a little further in the details of the bands which preceded Guns N' Roses. **Chris Weber**, one of the guitarists of **Hollywood Rose**, tells us with details how all those people crossed to make Hollywood Rose and **L.A. Guns** (2 groups in which sang Axl Rose) finally amalgamated to become Guns N' Roses. The story is rather complex and all these explanations largely help to see it more clearly. We can also hear the enriching comments by the former band's manager, **Vicky Hamilton**, which gave them their first chance in the industry. The two documentaries are particularly interesting to discover a little more the less known parts of the band. The most disappointing about the DVDs is we don't hear any Guns N' Roses music on them. It can be sometimes rather aggravating, especially when they speak about a particular album and that the background music has nothing to do with the band.

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