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Michael Schenker/Public Image Limited/Roy Buchanan/Ian Hunter: Rockpalast

A mainstay of German television since 1974, "**Rockpalast**" has showcased hundreds of the world's top rock, pop and blues groups in performance. MVD Visuals has more than 40 of those concerts on its roster of DVD releases. Because of the age of some of the shows and use of recording equipment that may have been state-of-the-art at the time, but no longer is, the concerts aren't nearly as easy on the eyes as, say, the "Soundstage" concerts available through Image Entertainment. The audio presentation isn't bad at all. The latest batch includes concerts from the early 1980s. The featured entertainers include German metal heroes Michael Schenker Group; Public Image Limited, with a post-Sex Pistols Johnny "Rotten" Lydon; American guitar god Roy Buchanan, whose set list included "Green Onions," "Walk, Don't Run" and "Foxy Lady"; and glam-rock pioneer Ian Hunter, with ace guitarist Mick Ronson. Needless to say, the German audiences were stoked and ready to party. – *Gary Dretzka*