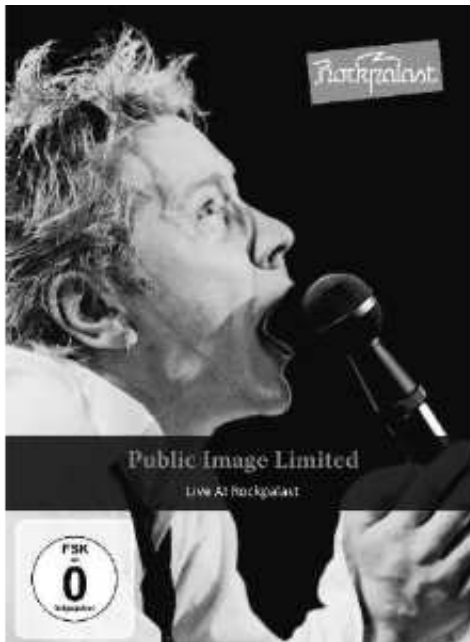


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Public Image Limited Live At Rockpalast 1983 DVD Review

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After the breakup of the Sex Pistols, lead singer John Lydon went on to form a second band that left just as big of a mark on Punk Rock as the Pistols. Public Image Limited filled the void left by the Sex Pistols and Lydon and company went on to release several great albums, of which several of their best songs can be heard here, in this 1983 German concert at the legendary Rockpalast.

Shot between the band's 3rd and 4th albums, PIL Live not only includes hits from early albums such as Public Image and Religion but also previews Love Song from the soon to be released This is What You Want...This is What You Get. Also present is the Pistols' anthem Anarchy in the UK, sounding fantastic.



One of the things that I like about this DVD is the setup. The menu screen gives viewers a chance to watch the hour long concert straight through or to pick the song they want from a playlist. This came in handy as I found myself going back for seconds of Public Image, Anarchy in the UK and Under The House when the concert ended.

Special features kick off with 7 minutes of pre show rehearsals by the band. Johnny's mic is off for part of Annalisa as they finish setting up but it makes for a cool behind the scenes look at the band. Also included is a brief interview with Rockpalast host Alan Bangs and John Lydon as he discusses studio issues, living in New York and John's movie debut of Cop Killer with Harvey Keitel.

PIL fans are going to want to pick this nicely produced concert cd up for their collection. The playlist is good and songs such as the Sex Pistols' classic Anarchy in the UK and PIL's Under the House sound great as John Lydon is in top form in this early 80s concert. The camera angles are great as they really capture the energy of the concert.

Recommended

Set List:

- Public Image 1
- Annalisa
- Religion
- Memories
- Flowers of Romance
- Solitaire
- Chant
- Anarchy in the U.K.
- (This Is Not A) Love Song
- Low Life
- Under The House
- Bad Life
- Public Image 2

Special Features:

- Insert Program
- Interview with Host Alan Bangs
- Concert Rehearsal Footage

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