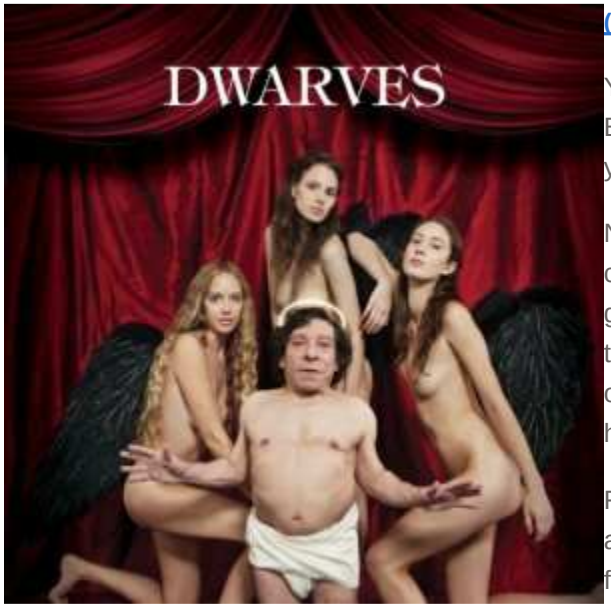
The Dwarves — Are Born Again



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Yes. Oh, yes. The Dwarves: angry, vicious, unrepentant; crud
Bloodied and bruised in live shows, always intimidating but ne
years?

Notorious as much for their onstage antics as their music, The
chaos. Whether it's blood-covered lead singer Blag Dahlia ass
guitarist HeWhoCannotBeNamed infamously faking his own d
trace during a crack binge in Detroit or their arrest by a trucule
often overshadowed their music, which is a shame as it's som
hear.

Finally following up 2004's seminal *The Dwarves Must Die*, an
ability to seamlessly shift between genres, moving through su
fashioned punk while still maintaining their ferocity and sense
is a return to the hardcore punk of earlier albums like *Blood G*
values, a pop-punk sensibility and more polished songwriting.
best albums and a high water mark for punk in general. These 18 songs, only two clocking over two minutes in le
abhorrent and fucking glorious about punk.

From the opening 'The Dwarves Are Still the Best Band in the World', with its "let's get high and fuck some sluts"
them and maturity is a concept that still eludes them. Good. Their celebrated crudeness is evident throughout, fro
paean to underage sex 'Fake ID', complete with sampled police sirens, to the slacker anthem 'Working Class Hol
which features screaming vocals from Nick Oliveri. A particular highlight is 'Zip Zero', an ode to a hard-livin', hard
by what sounds like a shoutout from an elderly radio announcer. Strange, rocking, glorious, it's my favourite song

The 18 songs fly by in a haze of aggression, humour and ferocious fucked-upness, and after the album's over I c
values, experimentation and great songwriting in the increasingly watered down world of punk, The Dwarves are
reach. 25 years on the road haven't dimmed their fire; if anything the years have just made them angrier, crasser
deviants: buy this record. If nothing else, it'll keep them in drugs for a few days.

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***The Dwarves Are Born Again* is out now. (http://www.thedwarves.com/)**