

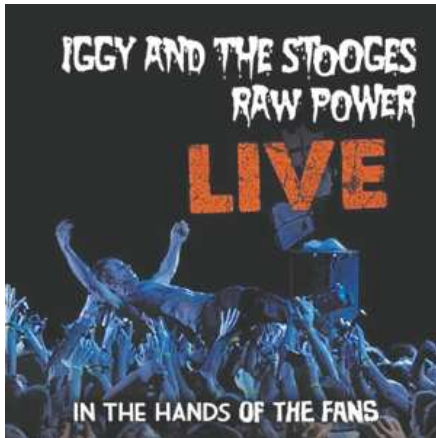


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# Iggy and the Stooges: *Raw Power Live: In the Hands of the Fans*



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Iggy Pop would have landed himself in the dusty vaults of forgotten rock when 1973's *Raw Power* emerged — every song red-lining to the point of completely unlistenable wails, almost ruining one of the greatest punk records to ever exist (sans the beautifully lewd cover) — had it not been for David Bowie toning down the original mix. But not everyone loved Bowie's toned-down distortion, as riot punks everywhere cried out for more raw stuff they'd come to love Iggy for. The digital release *Raw Power Live: In the Hands of the Fans*, recorded live at London's All Tomorrow's Parties Festival on September 3, 2010, is a reconstruction of that earlier energy with original Stoooge members Scott Asheton, James Williamson, and Steve Mackay (and

later addition Mike Watt [Firehose, Minutemen] on bass). This is a raucous album loaded with pumping sexual drive and a boisterous concert audience chanting along to loud "hey, hey, heys" that are much more listener-friendly this go-round. The mix even includes snippets of Iggy being interviewed by the fans. As always, the concert is available on elusive punk-hoarding vinyl.

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