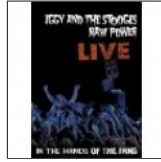


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Iggy and The Stooges Raw Power Live: In the Hands of the Fans. A long title but an apt one. This latest offering from the rock legends sees the band's reunion gig from September 2010 where they performed the classic album Raw Power in its entirety, filmed by six fans, followed by an in depth question and answer session with the band.

The live section of the DVD starts with the album performance. For some reason The Stooges chose to change the track listing of it around, resulting in an opening salvo of Raw Power and Search and Destroy. We're off to a good start here. Iggy chooses to keep the chat in between songs to a minimal, letting the music do the talking which is fair enough. The band rips though Gimme Danger, Your Pretty Face is Going Straight to Hell and Shake Appeal. The latter joined by as many fans as will fit on the stage to dance.

Unsurprisingly the band is really tight and James Williamson in particular is so impressive on guitar, especially when it comes to the solos. The quality of the mix is extremely good; the sound is superb with every instrument at just the right level in the mix. If you didn't know it in advance, you would never guess that it's filmed by amateurs. The six fans-turned-camera people are positioned all around the venue and stage to cover every angle and there's not a single "I've drank too much and am trying to have a conversation with my mate while filming this" you tube style effort in sight. It's all top notch stuff filmed in high definition which looked pretty sweet even on my standard monitor.

But I digress. The Raw Power performance is rounded off with album closer Death Trip before a further 8 oldies are added for your listening and viewing pleasure. I Wanna Be Your Dog goes down a storm before the excellent Open Up and Bleed slows proceedings down briefly. Fun House and No Fun round things off nicely to end the first part of the DVD.

A 40 minute interview with the six fans follows covering everything from their beginnings, to specific songs and influences. As a relatively uneducated person when it comes to The Stooges music (something I plan on fixing) it's pretty interesting.

If you're a hardcore fan then you'll buy this for the Raw Power album performance alone and even if you're a fellow newbie you'll probably be quite pleased if you part with some pennies for this. Or better yet steal a copy. It's more punk rock.

Stuart Patterson

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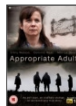
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