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Archers of Loaf-What Did You Expect? Live at the Cat's Cradle

This DVD highlights the legendary indie-rocker's recent reunion, playing a show at longtime home Cat's Cradle. All of the guys are older, but the power of their playing hasn't softened. From the opening jam of "Audiowhore," it's clear Eric Bachmann has, more than likely, been awaiting this chance to play the classics. As this was a reunion tour, they're playing all the highlights of their storied 1990s career, and there's nary a bum note in the lot. There's also the snarky, hip humor to be found. When I saw them on their farewell tour, after the show, I told 'em, "Well, see ya on the reunion tour!" Eric told me that they had decided that they would not reunite until they had been broken up for as long as they had existed, the reasoning being that there sets would be fresh for an audience that they'd have built up after they'd split, while appeasing the old-guard, old-school fans. They stayed true to their word, and that theory was right. Are they working on new material? Hope so. www.musicvideodistributors.com JOSEPH KYLE

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