

**'Tribute To Ron Asheton featuring Iggy & The Stooges and Special Guests,' (MVDvisual, 4 stars)**

The Stooges never achieved fame during their early career due to how visionary their music was and how destructive their lifestyle choices were at the time. They also didn't garner much acclaim during the "Raw Power" years; but Ron Asheton's mastery of minimalism on the early Stooges albums and his melodic bass playing on "Raw Power" showed that he was a non-pretentious musician with a unique style. Fortunately, The Stooges gained popularity when they reformed, and Ron got to ride the wave of worldwide popularity with brother Scott on drums, vocalist Iggy and Mike Watt on bass before he passed away in January 2009.

This June 4 DVD presents a tribute concert for him by his favorite band and other folks. Guitar duties are shared by "Raw Power" guitarist James Williamson on most of the set and Deniz Tek of Radio Birdman on a few songs. There is also a string section present for the final segment of the show. Bonus interviews are available with many folks, including MC/guest vocalist Henry Rollins and others.

Highlights include "Now I Wanna Be Your Dog," "Loose," "Gimme Danger," "Search and Destroy" and rapturous responses from the Ann Arbor faithful. Stooges fans will enjoy this one

- Ricky Flake

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