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Devo | The Men Who Make the Music (MVD Visual)

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Combining music videos with concert footage and a thin plot about the band's relationship with "Big Entertainment," *The Men Who Make the Music* is Devo's latest video outing. This film is like "A Hard Day's Night"... on cocaine.

There is some great footage here. Opening the disc is the video for cult favorite "Jocko Homo," complete with the mask-wearing Devo Boy. Other videos include "The Day My Baby Gave Me a Surprise" and the underground hit and ground-breaking MTV video, "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction." While the videos are great, the real gem here is the live footage.

The studio recordings have a tendency to water down the band's material, but Devo more than makes up for it live. The footage here is fantastic, showing without a doubt that Devo was always on the cutting edge. More punk-like in delivery live, the set list includes "Wiggly World," which spotlights the band's harder, more edgy side of themselves.

Spotlight scenes include both the video and live versions of "Jocko Homo," the live version of "Wiggly World," "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction," and "Secret Agent Man." Representing over 30 years of material, this DVD is like a time capsule into the world of Devo. One viewing of this disc and there is no denying that this band did more than pave the way for the modern music to come, they built the highway on which many acts still travel today.

Also included here is the infamous footage of the 1996 Sundance Film Festival show. Donning 1920s-style prison suits, the band closed out the festival with a one-off performance of hardcore material. Mysteriously absent, however, is the band's biggest hit, the uber-popular "Whip It."

Another nice thing about this release is the fact that it contains footage of now-departed members of Devo: Alan Myers, who died of stomach cancer in 2013 at the age of 58, and Bob Casale, who passed from heart failure in 2014 at 61.

Overall, this is a great DVD from a band that often goes unappreciated, yet whose influence is still quite relevant today. **B+** | **Marc Farr**

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