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## D.O.A. To Hell and Back

[MVD Visual](#) // 2013 // 90 Minutes // Not Rated  
 Reviewed by Judge Daryl Loomis // March 15th, 2014

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All Rise...

Judge Daryl Loomis always appreciated Zalman King's softcore movement.

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The Charge

The godfathers of hardcore live.

The Case

At the end of the 1970s, a group of filthy punks from Vancouver, British Columbia, got together under the name D.O.A. and started playing music. They didn't know it at the time, but singer/guitarist Joey Shithead, drummer Chuck Biscuits, and bassist Randy Rampage would one day be known as one of the founders of hardcore punk. Arguably, they coined the term with the release of their Hardcore '81 album and, thirty years later, they're still going strong.

**D.O.A. To Hell and Back** is a celebration of those three decades as seen over four dates and two years. It starts and ends at the Rickshaw Theater in Vancouver, while the Palomino Club in Calgary and the Canmore Hotel in Canmore, Alberta get a few songs each.

Joey's energetic as ever, and while the rest of the band is more or less a revolving door at this point, they keep up with the old man pretty good. The shows are fun, the crowd's totally into it, and the music is as solid as it ever was. Better, really, since Joey's had so much more time to master his guitar work.

They go through the classics, with "Police Brutality," "Disco Sucks," and "Nazi Training Camp" being personal favorites. "That's Why I'm an Athiest," "Race Riot," and "I Live in a Car" are strong selections, as well, while covers of "War" and "Taking Care of Business" serving as a fine way to round out the set. It's fun stuff; D.O.A. fans know what they're getting themselves into with a concert DVD of the band. Not much has changed with Joey and the gang over the years and that's just fine by me. If I want to listen to hardcore punk, you can't get much purer than D.O.A. This is a good series of shows from a classic band that's still got it, which should serve as recommendation enough for their fans.

MVD's DVD for **D.O.A. To Hell and Back** does the job well enough, with a decent lo-fi image that doesn't feature much detail, but nobody would expect it to. The stereo sound is a fairly full mix, but it's nothing particularly special.

The only on-disc extra is a bit of behind-the-scenes footage of their recording process, but the real highlight here is the copy of their 2012 *We Come in Piece* album as a separate CD, which is quite good in its own right. That's the kind of added value I can get behind.

This is some pretty standard stuff here, but the inclusion of the CD ensures that fans of D.O.A. and hardcore punk in general get a great deal with in the purchase of **D.O.A. To Hell and Back**. They've still got it and, for all the punks out there, this is well recommended.

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Scales of Justice

Judgment: 85

Perp Profile

Studio: [MVD Visual](#)

Video Formats:

- 1.78:1 Anamorphic

Audio Formats:

- Dolby Digital 2.0 Stereo (English)

Subtitles:

- None

Running Time: 90 Minutes

Release Year: 2013

MPAA Rating: Not Rated

Genres:

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- Bonus CD

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