

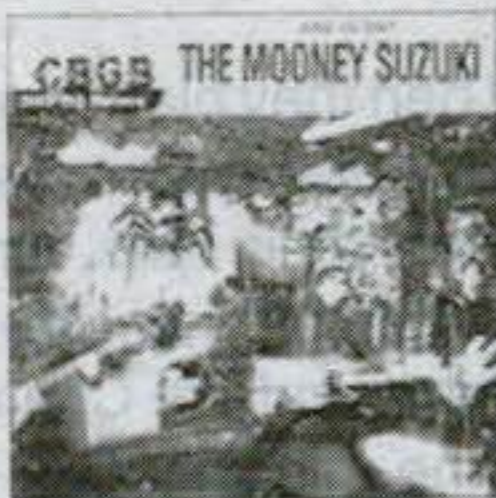
CD REVIEWS

CBGB The Bowery Collection
The Mooney Suzuki
Live June 29, 2001

Toasters
Live June 28, 2002
MVD Audio

Here we have two more live CD's from *CBGB The Bowery Collection* on MVD Audio. I reviewed the live *Terror* CD from this collection last week and the one thing I failed to mention was that I was a bit disappointed that there wasn't any info on the actual show recording. I would have liked to have read about what each band thought about their experience playing at the infamous CBGB and the recording. Anyway, both of these bands are new to me. I have heard of them both but never had the opportunity to hear any of their recordings before.

The Mooney Suzuki hail from New York City and they are known for their rock and roll sound that also incorporates a bit of blues, mod and soul influences. On this live CD their rocking energy is well captured. I can hear each instrument flawlessly. If I hadn't just researched their history, I would have thought they were the early eighties. I like this CD a lot and wouldn't mind hearing some of their other releases.



The Toasters have been around for quite sometime and are supposedly the longest running ska band. I've never been much of a ska fan. I was into Mighty Mighty Bosstones in

the early 90's but they had a bit more of hardcore/punk sound. Like The Mooney Suzuki recording, the sound

quality is really good, but I'm not into the music. The band tends to jam too much and talk during the songs. It's funny where they tell the crowd to be nice to their neighbors and watch the moshing. I couldn't imagine anyone moshing to them but I wouldn't be surprised. - Gil Russell

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Scott McCurry
Birdies Don't Bark
Left Turn Music

Sometimes you really do need to give a band a second try. I started listening to this last week, but ejected it during the first song. It was just too poppy for me at that time, but I'm really digging it now. I'm not sure how to describe the music of Scott McCurry, who hails from Dallas, but it is definitely catchy. The trippy melodies remind a bit of the late 60's era Beatles and Beach Boys. The press page on the articles compares him The Animals and The Troggs, but also to Wilco and Sonic Youth. Scott McCurry plays in Dallas quite often and I'll have to see him live one of these day. Check out his myspace page and buy his CD if you like what you hear. CD also includes ringtones and mp3 files. - Gil Russell

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