

ROCK N ROLL EXPERIENCE - March/April 2008

CBGB OMFUG Presents: The Bowery Collection

TOASTERS - Live June 28, 2002

Track Listing: Shocker!, I'm Running Right Through THE World, Shebeen, Sitting On Top Of The World, Modern World America, Mona, Can I Get Another?, Run Rudy Run, 2Tone Army, Social Security, Ploughshares Into Guns

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The Mooney Suzuki - Live June 29, 2001

Track Listing: It's Showtime Pt 1, In A Young Man's Mind, Singin' A Song About Today, Natural Fact, Everything's Gone Wrong, Half of My Heart, Oh Sweet Susanna, Make My Way, A Little Bit Of Love, I Woke Up THis Mornin'

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Terror - Live June 10, 2004

Track Listing: Better Off Without You, I Don't Need Your Help, Overcome, Nothing To Me, Not This Time, What Have We Done?, Life & Death, Lowest of the Low, Keep Your Mouth Shut, Keep Your Distance, Push It Away

Rating: 6 stars!

I got the first 3 releases from the CBGB OMFUG "Bowery Collection" live series, & I have to admit, each cd is interesting because they are all 3 from different types of bands, they all have their own vibe, & each one sounds amazing & captures the "live" essence of each band very well! Toaster's live cd gets a big bang from the horn section & loud guitars & the bands music, which is a mix of rock & ska with elements of funk, sound larger than life & you'd never guess that the cd was recorded on a stage that was really tiny & far beyond intimate! The Mooney Suzuki CD is the one that I feel just REALLY brought the concert feeling to cd the best, because the band's sound is a mix of 70's rock & garage rock...they borrow elements from James Gang, Rush & vaguely The White Stripes while maintaining their own sounds & at times they are sloppy, BUT, regardless, the live concert vibe comes through on this cd! Terror's live cd is the one that's so in your face that it's sick! The band sound loud, angry & pissed off, & when the bands singer tells the crowd to start the pit, this cd makes you wanna start a mosh pit in your living room..it's got that kinda energy & vibe! CBGB was a rock n roll institution & it's nice to see some of the recordings made in that legendary club being released for the masses who never got to go there..these releases are not the same as being there, BUT, it's the next best thing!