



"CBGB OMFUG Masters LIVE June 29, 2001," The Mooney Suzuki (MVDaudio, **)**

This collection of four March 18 releases was recorded at the now-defunct birthplace of punk rock in New York City, CBGB. Hilly Kristal, the club's owner/manager, passed away last year, and the club is no longer in business. But these recordings have been dug out of the vaults, with a portion of profits given to the Hilly Kristal Foundation for Musicians and Artists.

The Mooney Suzuki's performance is an amazing burst of high-energy rock 'n' roll, and it makes me wonder why their fame hasn't spread beyond the NYC hinterlands. Sing-along ditties like "Oh Sweet Susanna," "A Little Bit of Love" and the fuzz-driven "Make My Way" make me want to hear more from these guys!

- Ricky Flake