



Music: Sic Fucks: Live October 13, 2006- The Bowery Collection

Our Take

The Sic Fucks may not have gained the notoriety of many of the other punk acts from the 70's, but they did have their place as one of the earliest punk/glam acts. Originally formed by Tish and Snooky (who were both backup singers for Blondie), Sic Fucks wasn't around for all that long but took part in a reunion show a couple of years ago to benefit CBGB and its owner's foundation. MVD recorded the performance and has released it as Sic Fucks: Live October 13, 2006- The Bowery Collection and although its not a must have disc if you remember this band or are interested in the early punk scene it is worth a listen.

It may have been awhile since this band has been active and the members have aged quite a bit but this doesn't mean that they don't still sound great. Tish and Snooky still have strong voices with plenty of attitude, and the lead male vocalist Russell Wolinsky still sounds fairly rough and raw. It's a little bizarre hearing someone in his 50's sing some of these songs though, but despite this listeners will find that the band's still got it. However, the main issue with this performance is that there is far too much stage banter. Almost every track consists of a couple minutes music and another couple minutes of banter, and this does make the disc drag quite a bit.

Thankfully, the moments when there are music on this disc are worth listening to. Sic Fucks is your fairly standard punk/glam act and their compositions are relatively simple but they are very fun and filled with energy. The group also puts their own spin on hits such as The Ramones "Blitzkrieg Bop" which long time fans of the genre are sure to appreciate. What does make this disc a bit more appealing is the sound quality, which is surprisingly good. Considering that a lot of live albums have sub-par sound quality it is very nice to see that attention was paid to making the Sic Fucks' show sound as authentic as possible so that newcomers can hear what they were all about.

I wouldn't necessarily say that this disc is a must have, but it was released for a good cause and if you either were exposed to this group in the past and enjoyed them or just want to experience more of the early punk scene, consider picking it up. Sic Fucks aren't going to be a band that I necessarily go back to on a regular basis, but their reunion performance shows that even after all these years they can still rock out and offer listeners a fun filled performance.

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