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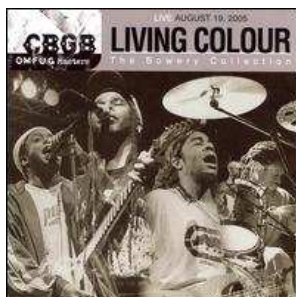
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CBGB Omfug Masters

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Review

by Greg Prato

Ever since their early days, Living Colour and CBGB's have gone hand in hand. It was at this venue that the group woodshedded and perfected their all-encompassing stylistic sound with numerous early shows. And it was also at this site that [Mick Jagger](#) spotted the band and took them under his wing, and after their split in 1995, it was an impromptu performance at CBGB's that got Living Colour back together again (in 2000). So when the venue was in danger of closing for good due to escalating rent (which unfortunately, they would eventually succumb to in 2006), various bands put on "Save CBGB's" benefit shows. And Living Colour was one such band, who played the venue once more on August 19, 2005, documented on the 2008 release, *CBGB Omfug Masters*. Wisely, the set list is mostly comprised of tracks from their first three studio albums, with selections from their inconsistent reunion album (2003's *Collideøscope*) kept to a minimum. What you'll find are simply explosive versions of "Type," "Funny Vibe," and "Time's Up," as well as "Open Letter to a Landlord" (which takes on a whole new meaning played at the venue on the verge of being shut down), and a best-skipped over new tune ("Terrorism"). And of course, no Living Colour set would be complete without a set-closing rendition of their breakthrough hit anthem, "Cult of Personality." While not the best Living Colour live album of the bunch (and there are quite a few to choose from), *CBGB Omfug Masters* certainly contains some great performances of Living Colour classics.

Tracks

	Title	Composer	Time
1	Type		5:52
2	Middle Man		5:26
3	Funny Vibe		4:42
4	In Your Name		5:30
5	Sacred Ground		14:06
6	Open Letter to Landlord		10:36
7	Terrorism		7:14
8	Glamour Boys		4:47
9	Ignorance Is Bliss		4:31
10	Love Rears Its Ugly Head		6:01
11	Times Up		4:33
12	Cult of Personality		5:19

Releases

Year	Type	Label	Catalog #
2008	CD	CBGB	4786

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Album

CBGB Omfug Masters

Rating

★★★★☆

Release Date

Oct 28, 2008

Recording Date

Aug 19, 2005

Label

CBGB

Type

Live

Genre

Pop/Rock

Styles

Alternative Metal
Alternative Pop/
Rock
Hard Rock
Heavy Metal
Album Rock
College Rock

Moods

Cerebral
Theatrical
Energetic
Earnest
Visceral
Tense/Anxious
Confrontational

Themes

Politics/ Society

AMG Album ID

R 1424113

Corrections to this Entry?

