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Living Colour

CBGB OMFUG Masters – Live August 19, 2005 – The Bowery Collection

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Recorded three years ago during a fundraiser to keep legendary New York City's CBGB alive (sadly, it just didn't work), this performance almost matches the power of Living Colour when the band played at the same club back in '89 during the group's heyday (a live set that finally saw release the year of the 2005 benefit). Though singer Corey Glover talks about "getting old," he and his bandmates still have the chops, especially guitarist Vernon Reid. The first few songs find 'em a little off, but then comes the ever-topical "Open Letter To A Landlord" (quite evocative, considering the benefit and eventual demise of the club), power-popish "Glamour Boys," and soul-rock power of "Love Rears Its Ugly Head." The metallic-coated hard rock-funk comes to full boil for its charged "Cult of Personality," and Living Colour's influence on some of today's genre-blend bands becomes quite obvious.

- Darryl Morden