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I have to admit, this is a first. It is rarely that you can combine a review with a news story. But this is that rare occasion. Iggy and his band played a gig in Montreal last weekend and while they were napping in the hotel after the gig, someone stole the truck with all their gear in it. Mere mortals would wilt at such a blow, there you are in the middle of a North American tour and you lose all your gear!

Not so Iggy, the tour goes on, he has rented, and had equipment donated. He is good to go!

Iggy was labeled early on his career as being Punk, I vehemently disagree. Hard Rocker, yes he is. Slightly off the wall, certainly. Potty Mouth? Well yes he has, and I am not sure that I think it helps his career, but he has been doing it for 8 gazillion years so I doubt he is going to change anytime soon.

Escaped Maniacs is a double DVD and shows Iggy at his very finest. One can only assume that the cost of the the tour was eating into Iggy's wardrobe allowance, they could not afford to buy him a shirt!

I class Iggy as a cross between the Rolling Stones and David Bowie. He is not terribly innovative (the Stones) and yet is outrageous (David Bowie).

The footage comes from the 2005 Lokerse Festival. The music menu includes most of the tracks from the first two Stooges albums, plus a couple of newer items.

If you are an Iggy fan, you will want this double DVD in your collection, and in the unlikely event that you

don't know who Iggy is, you should get yourself a copy to acquaint yourself. Oh, and for those of you that fall into the latter category Iggy Pop is generally acknowledged as the grand father of the Punk movement, although I am not firmly convinced that that statement is actually true. One thing is clear, Iggy was a leading figure in the pre Punk world of the late 70's and even though he is now in his very, very late 20's, OK he is actually 61 years old, but you would never guess it by his outrageous stage act.

You can pick up your copy from [MVD](#).

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