



## **"Back in History: Live 1980," The Inmates**

**(MVDvisual, \*\*\*\*)**

This 3/18 release features excerpts from two London 1980 performances during the heyday of The Inmates, who achieved their greatest U.S. success with a cover of the Standells' classic, "Dirty Water."

Other songs on their landmark "First Offence" album were even better, and some are present here in "full garage-o-rama sound," including the screwy dance craze called "The Walk."

The Inmates' influences included the early Stones, Pretty Things and Animals, and their mix of originals and covers is almost as potent here as it was on that early vinyl blast.

Other highlights include "You're the One That Done It," a snarling cover of the Music Machine's "Talk Talk," the sweet-but-rough "So Much in Love" and the pulse-pounding "Tell Me What's Wrong."

Fans of roots-rockers like Dave Edmunds, Robert Gordon, and the pre-commercial J. Geils Band will dig this one, available locally or at the above Web site.

- Ricky Flake