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## **DVD Review Feature - Madder Than A Full Moon Dog**

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Back in 2010, Jay Jay Winter, founder of British heavy-metal band Asomvel passed away. In honor of his memory, the Full Moon Dog Festival was started. The festival was named after Asomvel's demo, and this DVD goes behind the scenes at the 2012 event, which was held at The Cockpit in Leeds, England.

The film has the feel of a fan-made movie, with all of the good and bad points this brings. Sure, this 83 minute is not the slickest production you are ever likely to see but, in its own way, that just adds to the entertainment value of this, at times, hilarious release.

Firstly, there is the music, which includes some well-shot footage of many of the best British heavy-metal acts of our time, including the recently adjusted Asomvel, Stiletto Farm, Mercenary, Dark Forest, Orange Goblin, Eliminator, Triaxis, Stuka Squadron, and Screaming Eagles. The on-stage footage perfectly captures the mayhem of the night, panning between stage shots and the mosh-pit action, while the audio stays of a surprisingly high quality for a live recording.

While the music may capture the imagination of heavy-metal fans, it is the backstage and behind-the-scenes action that will have fans glued to their screens. Some superbly candid moments are caught on camera for this warts-and-all look at the Full Moon Dog festival. Interviews with the bands, as well as fans who have made their way to the event are all interspersed with backstage footage.

Suffice to say, this movie does a great job of representing the hard-drinking metal lifestyle, as well as the undoubted camaraderie of the northern British heavy-metal scene. While this DVD does, at times seem to carry more than a touch of Spinal Tap style cliche, this just adds to the appeal and hilarity.

A great underground film for metal fans, 'Madder Than A Full Moon Dog' is a superb rough-and-ready look at modern British metal, not to mention a fitting tribute to one of the scene's most influential names.

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