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THROW RAG

The dudes that roam the Salton Sea are back with a new-ish album on Acetate Records. It's called "2nd Place" and it's filled with a whoppin' 17 songs including 12 new tracks and live favorites such as "Bag Of Glue", "Hang Up" and "Hollywood".

I've been a fan ever since I heard "Desert Shores" and became even more of a fan after having seen them play live. Armed with nasty punkrock, a washboard, a snotty vocalist and an invasion of styles that pop up out of nowhere throughout the album, Throw Rag doesn't bore for a single second. A little bit of The Damned here ("Space Hump Me"), some blues there and Mexican influences in opener "Si Dios Quiere", it's all they need to get me all riled up. And in case you don't pick up on the fun and the band's energy after "Desert Shores", "Mission's Message", you still have "Don't Be Afraid To Pogo" (originally by The Gears) left to whip you up in a frenzy.

Score: 8 out of 10