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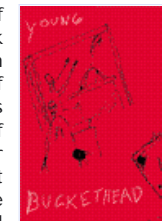
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Buckethead: Young Buckethead 1 & 2 (DVD)

These two intriguing DVD's take a close look at the early days of Buckethead, the mysterious guitar wonder who rarely speaks, wears a mask & bucket on his head, and plays a mean axe. *Young Buckethead* comes in two volumes, each one roughly 90 minutes, and includes early footage of the guitar genius and his band Deli Creeps at various clubs in California, as well as backstage and interview clips. Despite the bizarre nature of much of this material (this guy certainly is a character) there's no denying the guitar prowess that Buckethead possesses, and it's certainly on display throughout these two DVD's. Quality wise, most of this is pretty raw stuff shot on one handheld camera, but it's still an enjoyable watch from a historical perspective. The early music of Buckethead's career is sort of hard to describe, kind of like a hard rock version of Frank Zappa, featuring plenty of guitar acrobatics, wild vocals, and zany stage antics. The material from Volume 2 is actually more enjoyable, as some of the songs sound more cohesive and the sound is slightly better, the band seeming more confident than they do on the earlier footage from Volume 1. Other than the live footage, there's some wacky extras, including a zany clip of Guitar World Editor Jas Obrecht and Buckethead goofing around in the basement to some goofy keyboard noodling, and a totally hilarious interview with the guitarist (yes, he speaks!) outdoors in a field, wearing a Texas Chainsaw Massacre styled mask and talking about all sorts of strange nonsense. For guitar lovers, there's a jaw dropping extended solo from Buckethead videotaped at a family gathering, where the young stud walls away for 15 minutes, throwing in everything but the kitchen sink. Listen carefully and you can hear many references to movie soundtrack themes and other familiar jingles.



For fans of the guitar genius of Buckethead, these two sets will be a no-brainer.

Track Listing

- Young Buckethead 1**
 Deli Creeps at Cactus Club 11/24/90
 Deli Creeps Soundcheck 11/24/90
 Buckethead in the Basement 5/21/91
 Buckethead's Backyard Solo 6/16/91
- Young Buckethead 2**
 Deli Creeps at the I-Beam, 9/1/90
 Deli Creeps backstage, 9/1/90
 Deli Creeps at the Kennel Club 4/3/91
 Buckethead in the Park 12/29/90

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