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Hanoi Rocks - The Nottingham Tapes



It still amazes me that **Hanoi Rocks** never got as big as they should have. Things came to a grinding halt for the band the night **Vince Neil (Motely Crue)** crashed his car, that killed his passenger, Hanoi Rocks drummer Razzel. The band was on the verge of making it big with the success of their **CCR** cover *Up Around the Bend* but it all came crashing down after the accident. The band was clearly destined for greatness, but unfortunately they were stuck down in their prime. If you're not familiar with the band, they formed back in 1979 in Helsinki and were a mix between punk and 50's rock n roll. They were truly pioneers in the industry and have influenced many bands, most notably **Guns N Roses**. Well thanks to **MVD Entertainment** you can now catch a glimpse of the band in their prime with the new release of *The Nottingham Tapes*.

The Nottingham Tapes is a show filmed of the band in Nottingham England on April 23rd 1984, when the band was in their prime and preparing to take the world by storm. The DVD captures a magical night in the band's career in which they performed a killer set consisting of 14 tracks. Vocalist **Mike Monroe** owns the stage and for some reason reminds me of a younger **Mick Jagger**. The video quality of the DVD is fair, but you have to realize this was filmed in 84 and probably with a low budget. The sound quality of the DVD is spot on and truly gives you a sense of being at the show. The performance from the band is stellar and will be a must for any Hanoi Rocks fans.

Bottom Line: A must for Hanoi Rocks fans as well as fans of Guns N Roses. If you ever wanted to know where GnR came from then check out this band and this DVD.



- **Ragman** needs the new *Hanoi Rocks CD*, can someone send him a copy?

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