



DEAD BOYS *Live! At CBGB's 1977*
[Music Video Distributors]

A friend of mine used to swear up and down that Stiv Bators dated Martha Stewart long before she got involved with DIY kitchen projects, insider trading, and getting tossed in jail. I like to imagine she helped him create some of the stage antics he performed at this 1977 show at CBGB's by making suggestions like "with a little leftover bologna, which you'll staple to your chest, and then rip off mid-song, blow your nose in and then eat, you can finally spit it out all over the audience. It'll be wonderful." All hallucinations aside, watching this DVD is a rare treat for a number of reasons. First off, there aren't too many pro-shot videos out there of early, first wave punk rock bands. The quality of both the video and the audio here can't be understated. Stiv and co. all had a fair number of zits and I'll be damned if you can't pause your DVD player and count each and every one of them. Punk Rock. **Raffi Abelson**



V/A BURN TO SHINE: *Washington, D.C.*
[Trixie]

After Fugazi went on indefinite hiatus in late 2003, it appears that the band's members are still active although searching for different avenues of expression. With the *Burn To Shine* series, Brendan Canty delivers a neat concept by inviting a local luminary to curate a city, have some great bands come down and play an unrehearsed song to nobody in a condemned house, film it, and burn the place down. There are riveting performances, especially by Ted Leo, Q And Not U, and Mackaye's new band with ex-Warmers drummer Amy Farina, The Evens. Although a sound idea, the whole segment at the end where they burn the place down isn't extremely moving, and certainly not as moving as idea of watching huge bands play in their rawest form which appears to be the true purpose of the disc. **Stephen Blackwell**



THE BLACK HEART PROCESSION *The Tropics Of Love*
[Touch And Go]

Black Heart Procession's fourth full-length album *Amore Del Tropico* was based on the tale of a tropical murder mystery, and two years later the band has filmed a full-length movie based on and featuring the album's music, with fifteen scenes for the fifteen songs. The self-proclaimed "Tropical Murder Mystery" is a hazy story of a desperate lover's twisted dreams and the bizarre lengths that he will go to for the love of his girlfriend. The film was co-written and directed by the band's figurehead, Pall Jenkins, and features the members of Black Heart Procession as well as other San Diegan bands such as Beehive and The Barracudas and Heroin as well as others. The feature flows not unlike the band's compositions; slow, dark, damp and claustrophobic, and provides perfect company to the album, while standing fine on it's own. **Garien Young**