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"You Can't Put Your Arms Around A Memory,"

Thunders, Kane & Nolan (Music Video Distributors)

- 3½ stars

On Jan. 4, 1987, core New York Dolls members Johnny Thunders, Arthur Kane and Jerry Nolan played an informal reunion at Johnny's Roxy show in Los Angeles. Sadly, only "Killer" Kane briefly enjoyed the Dolls' formal reunion a few years later (the others overdosed).

This Oct. 25 release features 18 songs, including the title tune.

I've heard that the guys weren't high for this performance, so out of respect for the dearly departed the long pauses, sloppy playing, lyric evisceration and stumbling can be written off to the jam-like situation. In any case, this show is one Dolls and Thunders fans will want. Johnny's guitar tone, the way he attacks songs and the chemistry between the bandmates (including rhythm guitarist Barry Jones) constitute a great show. Online shoppers can visit www.dvdnote.com to grab it.