

1/22/06 (dvd reviews):

ENGLISH BEAT- IN CONCERT AT THE ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL-SECRET FILMS/ MVD- Dave Wakeling recently did a tour and called it "The English Beat" but he was the only original member so there must have been some mighty disappointed folks in the crowd. This gig, from 2/7/03 in London was the original lineup (as far as I can tell) and while I never caught the band back then (tho' I desperately wanted to – I think they did a few tours before I was 21 but I had a lousy fake ID) this has a handful of the band's best known songs: "Hands off She's Mine", "Mirror in the bathroom", "Too Nice to Talk To", "Save it for Later", "Twist and Crawl", etc. I would have loved to have heard both "I Confess" and "Sole Sal! vation", 2 of my favorites off the underrated SPECIAL BEAT SERVICE but you can't have everything, right? Tho' the folks are all a but older (ahem) this concert shows the energy the band could attain on a given night. Come back with the original lineup next time Dave! (www.musicvideodistributors.com)

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