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Voivod
 D-V-O-D- 1 (DVD)
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With the untimely passing of guitarist Denis "Piggy" D'Amour this DVD couldn't have arrived at a better time. This DVD serves as an archive of one of the best bands of all time...and definitely the most underrated. These guys are a shining example of doing what you want when you want and how you want to. While others talk about doing things "their way" Voivod truly have.

D-V-O-D-1 isn't as packed as many DVD's are these days but the footage here is very rare and that alone makes it worth the price. The DVD contains all of the videos the band made between 1984 and 1989. 6 videos in all and you basically go from their debut album to their critically acclaimed album, "Nothingface." It also contains some live footage from larger crowds (between 1 and 3 songs in each segment), all from shows in Montreal- an obvious stronghold for the band in the eighties. It also contains some basic DVD extras like artwork, home footage of their video shoots, and the like.

Let me just say that if you are not already a fan of Voivod you won't dig this at all. If you've never heard them, it's not a good place to start either. If you are fan of the band and are already used to how odd they sound then this is a safe one for you. Some of the live material is of poor quality and the videos aren't really anything to brag about, although "Astronomy Domine" is a good video and the beginning of an evolution. For the longtime fan this serves as an amazing record of the first half of this band's storied and "should have been spectacular" career. It's easy to overlook the poor quality of much of this if you are willing to consider the fact that this even being available for sale is pretty astounding. This is the original, classic, Voivod in their formative years and it's totally raw. A true inside look.

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