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VARIOUS ARTISTS • God Save The Queen: A Punk Rock Anthology • (2006 MVD)

Foo-Ling Yu rates it:

VARIOUS ARTISTS***God Save the Queen - A Punk Rock Anthology (MVD)***

Oh, where does one start? This 75-minute DVD includes 21 performances, some live, some video clips, of some of the most influential punk bands of all time (Iggy & The Stooges) and others (Goldblade?). So right away, we have a problem. To say that there are some major omissions is an understatement. I mean to call something GOD SAVE THE QUEEN - A PUNK ROCK ANTHOLOGY, and not have footage of the Sex Pistols somewhere therein is the goofiest thing ever. Yeah, I know, there has to be cooperation from the band as well (along with fees paid) but, c'mon, for crying out loud, don't call it that!

The only mention we get of the Ramones is in a very weird interview with Marky Ramone, in which he talks about not being a founding member. He goes on to talk about how great the Ramones are (stating the obvious doesn't count as insight), then we get no footage of the Ramones! What the hell? Also missing are The New York Dolls, The MC5, Stiff Little Fingers, and a little poor band called The Fucking Clash!

So what do we have left here? There are some things to like. We get some fun, raw clips of UK Subs, Iggy & The Stooges, Buzzcocks, and Generation X. The footage of Billy Idol and the interviews sprinkled in between, are particularly good. And The Adicts' A CLOCKWORK ORANGE-like video clip and live footage of "Viva La Revolution" made me remember how damned catchy that song is. Overall, by the time I got to the end, I hated this DVD less. It slowly builds on you, watching this raw footage with bad editing, bad lip-syncing, and in some cases, just bad acts (999). It's SO D-Y-I that it becomes charming. All of these bands knew they were a part of something different.

But based on my early misgivings, I can't recommend this. MVD should have their nutsacks yanked for this one. Don't try to dress up shit in a tuxedo and pawn it off on North America. Anthology my ass.

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