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Rating: 3 1/2 Stars (out of 4)

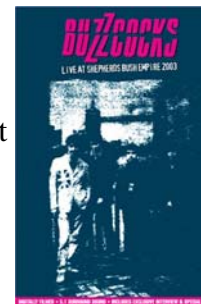


Wake Up Call

By Jeffrey M. Anderson

[Buy Buzzcocks: Live at Shepherd's Bush Empire 2003 on DVD](#)

Formed in 1975, the Buzzcocks might have been just another English punk band trailing in the wake of the Sex Pistols and the Clash. They had a couple of crunchy pop hits, such as "Ever Fallen in Love," "What Do I Get?" and "Orgasm Addict" before becoming a punk footnote. But watching this new DVD, filmed only a few years ago, reveals a totally vital band sounding even better than at their peak. They could be a new Green Day or Sugar, but with more fury. They thrash through 32 songs without ever sounding bored or giving the impression that they've grown tired of this 30 year-old material. Direct Dave Meehan struggles to keep up with them, and mostly succeeds with an aggressive collection of tilted, up-close frames. The stereo sound is terrific, and fans should be able to crank up their systems without distortion. If anything, 32 songs might be a bit more trying for the audience than for the band.



DVD Details: All of their hits are included on Music Video Distributor's new DVD, plus several interviews, bios, posters and other extras. Note This same concert was released as the 2005 CD *Driving You Insane*.

Starring: Pete Shelley, Steve Diggle, Tony Barber, Philip Barker
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Directed by: Dave Meehan
MPAA Rating: Unrated
Running Time: 96 minutes
Date: January 26, 2006

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