

BUZZCOCKS ARE BUZZIN'

Buzzcocks can still the mustard with their unique and unparalleled gift for motor melodies. The band spine of Pete Shelley and Steve Diggle would be on the stage for an eternity if each gem in their 30 year/24 carat CV was to be unleashed. However, in 90 minutes this fiery four piece treasure offers a grand prix pace delivery of radio friendly, new wave gems. Welsh punters come out in force at The Muni Arts Centre, Pontypridd to pay homage to one of the true punk survivors-and, even though there is 'Nostalgia', these mercurial Mancunians prove via their new 'Flat pack Philosophy' LP (Cooking

Vinyl) that this is not chaotic cabaret.

Buzzcocks are the chiefs of soaring sing-a-long anthems-and, many of the pretenders that rule the '06 charts have borrowed heavily from the textbook of these icons. As the angry antagonists of the late 70's attacked the system, Buzzcocks explored the areas of personal affairs-angst-alienation-and, the 'Singles-Going Steady' CD will forever remain as one of the greatest collection of 7" vinyl triumphs. The Pontypridd gig kicked off with a feast of fresh fayre, and this gusto will satisfy the old guard as well as draw in new admirers. The endless list of favourites was fired from the stage, and the moshpit masses bonded their demonic dance to a collective smile.

Buzzcocks make friends with a charismatic creativity, and an ability to entertain via quality produce which matures with age. Buzzcocks 'Are Everything' when it comes to the provision of high energy harmony, & that was represented by a large queue for the bar uniting for a raucous version of 'Love you More'! May the Buzzcocks always reign supreme, and as long as their 'Raison D'etre' is premier power pop, the business end of the punk movement will continue to prosper! Go to www.buzzcocks.com There is a new DVD Live at Shepherds Bush Empire 2003 (Music Video Distributors) which captures the essence of the current Buzzcocks line up-&, also offers interesting insights in to the characters that have helped this influencial band evolve since the halcyon days of the revolution of '76.

Over 200 minutes of live tunes, interviews and special features provide viewers with highlights galore-and, the Buzzcocks playing at their brilliant best! Go to www.mvdb2b.com As regards The Muni venue, it is another credit on their behalf to bring the Buzzcocks to play in Pontypridd. This popular Gelliwastad Road outlet has a long established reputation for providing a diverse mix of entertainment, but the last few years has witnessed this base developing another string to its bow via the attraction of new wave/alternative rock legends such as The Damned, Stiff Little Fingers, The Alarm and now Buzzcocks. Long may this trend continue, as a full house for this most recent show proves that there is a hungry public desiring such inspiring music in the Rhondda Cynon Taff area. Congratulations are also afforded to The Muni for their support of new rock acts. For details of further shows at The Muni, ring 01443 485934.