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NRBQ
"Derbytown" Live 1982
MVD

NRBQ is one of the more interesting indie based bands that came out of the early 80's culture. If you have never heard of them, they combine a lot of different genres from blues to jazz to country to create their brand of pop driven rock-n-roll music. On this DVD, filmed in Kentucky back in 1982 shows a variety of their personalities on stage and through their music. With the addition of The Whole Wheat Horns they added an element to their live show that I personally didn't really care too much for, not because they made NRBQ sound bad, but because a lot of emphasis was put on them when I think the focus needed to be on the everyday band and what they do live. When the focus was on the band, they were fun and their music was energetic and combined all of the elements I spoke of earlier. Overall, when I watched this DVD, I really am not too surprised that the mainstream didn't catch on to these guys, but they prove that the underground had some fine bands in it back in the day. If you like the off the wall styled bands that just wanted to play music to have fun then check out NRBQ "Derbytown: Live 1982." (JK)