

Meat Beat Manifesto - Travelogue Live 05 (MVD Visual)

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Jack Dangers' influential cut-n-paste/dub-hop/sci-fi/avante jazz/electronica outfit hit the road in 2005 with a live video sampler (H-Gun/DHS mainman Ben Stokes), a live drummer, and a selection of both classic and new Meat Beat tracks. This 60-minute video captures this with woofer-testing live renditions of such "hits" as "Radio Babylon," "God O.D.," and "Helter Skelter" as well as more recent avant-jazz-inflected compositions. Having seen this tour myself, I can vouch for Travelogue Live 05 being a superb document of their multimedia sound barrage, complete with ingenious live "found" video scratching to accompany the densely-mixed grooves. The music is, of course, top-notch, complete with the lowest booty-shaking bass you can imagine. Whereas most laptop or electronic-based artists are pretty yawn-inducing in a live setting, MBM more than hold their own, with innovation, inspiration, and enthusiasm. Great stuff.

-- Todd Zachritz

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