

ROCK N ROLL EXPERIENCE - March/April 2008

TAD

Busted Circuits & Ringing Ears DVD

Track Listing:

Rating: 6 stars!

I remember seeing the band Tad towards the end of their career..they opened for Slash's Snake Pit, & Tad impressed me because they were average dudes, they got up, played a stripped down, no frills set, I knew nothing about them, they rocked hard & sludgy, then they got off the stage & looked like anyone else in that crowd...infact, some of the members looked like truckers! Anyways, that image of seeing them always stuck in my mind, then when I got a review copy of the bands new dvd, which is a total documentary on their career, it's interesting to find out all the things I never knew about the band..they started out as the brainchild of singer/namesake, Tad, he played all the instruments on the bands first single, & he put the band together when it was time to play a live show! Tad is one of Seattle's most underated bands, they have the respect of their fellow musicians, but sadly, the mainstream never got to really explore or experience the Tad legacy until now with this retrospective dvd that covers the bands entire history! Musically, the bes way to describe Tad is sludge rock..they were super heavy, & watching the parts of the documentary taht talke about the bands tour with Nirvana are touching...seeing Krist & Chad from Nirvana talk about that tour & hearing how Cobain had the best time of his life on that tour, reviewing Tad's nightly vomitting...call me crazy, but it was definitely a cool story! The sad fact of the Tad story is that the band really never went anywhere, did very little, they were dropped over & over by major labels, they were sued for numerous things including a record cover that & a song title...this band just had some serious problems with everything, yet they made it all around the world, made a name for themselves in the underground, & seeing the band in the present, at the very end, they are older dude's now, they are not even recognizable at this point, & it's sad that most people outside of Seattle might not even know who Tad are..they were an amazing rock band that did what they did, kicked ass, & if you blinked, you probably missed them!