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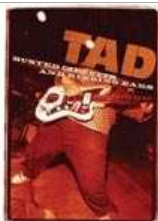
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Tad - Busted Circuits And Ringing Ears

The full story of the seminal grunge crew



While they might never have achieved commercial success on the same level as the likes of Nirvana, Soundgarden or even Mudhoney, grunge heavyweights (in every sense of the word) Tad were every bit as essential a part of the scene that grew up around Seattle's Sub Pop Records. Indeed, just prior to Nirvana hitting the stratosphere with "Nevermind" they were supporting Tad on a European tour.

To Tad Doyle and his merry / messy band (delete as appropriate), success has always been measured in different terms; from the cool factor afforded them by the aforementioned they-supported-us-before-they-were-famous tour (not that they ever spoke about it in those terms, I hasten to add) to the classic, complete-with-banned-sleeve single "Jack Pepsi" and the equally-controversial cover of Inhaler, featuring Bill Clinton in a spiff / head interface scenario. Such moments afforded Tad a notoriety and a following as faithful as Nirvana's was huge.

This DVD, rather than trot through either old/ new concert footage, rather attempts to tell the story of the band through a mixture of interviews and live footage. As a bonus, there's 5 of their music videos including "Wood Goblins" and the awesome, threatening "Stumbling Man". The more investigative approach ultimately pays dividends as "Busted Circuits..." brilliantly blends archive footage with the bands' story and offers much more than the standard live DVD so many bands lazily lob in fans' directions. The dry, self-deprecating wit of the liner notes, penned by both Doyle and his bandmate Kurt Danielson, not only add an extra polish to the final product but also reveal depths of intelligence to this unique band few can approach. Mighty impressive stuff.

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