

THE QUEERS - The Queers Are Here DVD (Grata / MVD)

Yeah, I know it reads in the review policy that I ask people not to send in pop punk material, but some bands are grandfathered in. Screeching Weasel, Mr T Experience, Jawbreaker, Parasites, Weston, and yes, The Queers. Well, they didn't start off as a pop punk band anyhow, they were just fast-paced punk rock. It wasn't until mid-90s records like *Move Back Home* and *Don't Back Down* (both on Lookout! Records) that they started adding the choruses of 'oohs' and 'la la las'. Many of the FHF fans couldn't care less about poppy, catchy, singalong punk, but I'm gonna try to make 'em. This DVD disc is just a hair over an hour, with close to thirty live tracks and video releases. It opens with a live show playing "I Spent the Rent" where the song almost ends in a fist-fight between Joe Queer and a crowd member who fucked with their roadie, and continues with other live shows from all over the U.S. and Europe, including a stream of old numbers belted out by Wimpy (instead of the usual Joe) in Florence, Italy. You also get music vids of "Don't Back Down", "Tamara Is A Punk", an unreleased animated version of "I Can't Get Over You" and my favorite Queers ditty, "Punk Rock Girls" (yummy, yummy!). In between most tracks are interview clips with Joe Queer giving you the history of the band, the music, touring and his take on other bands like The Dwarves, Greenday (both he loves), Fall Out Boy and My Chemical Romance (both he hates). A fun watch that will quell those that haven't seen them live, as well as those who want to see much more. (Feb 24, 2007)

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