

THE QUEERS - *The Queers Are Here* · MVD Visual

After suffering through this band's new album, *Munki Brain*, I was a lot less enthusiastic about this DVD, which I had been *really* looking forward to. Fortunately, the band is far more energetic live than that last album would indicate. Oddly, only seconds into the first song, the show comes to a screeching (weasel) halt as the band stops and demands that security throw out a fan because he "fucked with" a roadie. Yeah, *that's* Punk Rock. The video is camcorder clips from different shows from 1993 to 2005, interspersed with brief interviews and music video clips. I hate that. It's especially annoying considering how short this band's songs are. If you want to show the history of the band, that's a cool *bonus feature*, but how about just having a well-recorded concert be the main feature? With the interview and any video clips separate, okay? I'm not even going to mention the abysmal audio quality... Still, some of my favorite QUEERS songs are here, such as "Like a Parasite" (too bad the song is ruined by being *interrupted in the middle* with 10 seconds of interview footage! That's just fucking stupid), even if the a/v quality is *shit*, and there isn't a single cut from *Beyond the Valley*... Maybe it's the case that the QUEERS album I like the most is the one the band likes the least. That would explain a lot. I was expecting this to be great, but *everything* about it disappoints, so I can only recommend it to the most extremely hardcore QUEERS fans, and that's kinda depressing.

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