

Queers, The (The Queers) - The Queers Are Here



Finally, The Queers are here. After 20 years of playing DIY Beach Boys-meets-Ramones style punk rock, The Queers have released their first DVD. More specifically, Joe Queer, the lone original member, has put out a collection of live performances and videos.

Much like The Queers themselves, this DVD gets right to the point. Only 59 seconds, and already two songs in, Joe Queer is fighting with an audience member who is harassing his roadie. This sets the tone for the entire DVD which boasts 31 songs in 64 minutes, including a Joe Queer interview between songs.

Aside from the dates that appear on some of the camcorder screens and some graphics that were added for broadcast on a few songs, there are no historical references and the songs are not in any kind of chronological order. So, if you're looking for a documentary about The Queers and who played what on what album, you won't find it here, and that's the way it should be. Well, you won't find it during the main portion of the DVD, but all of that stuff is in the end credits. It's pretty much song after song after song.

Everything from "Ursula Finally Has Tits" to "This Place Sucks" to "Ben Weasel" is included. In other words, all of the essentials, as the majority of the material comes from the "classic" albums *Love Songs For The Retarded* and *Don't Back Down*. Actually, "Kicked Out Of The Webelos" is the one curious exemption. While the packaging only lists 28 songs, there are indeed 31 songs, as "I Live This Life" and "We'd Have a Riot Doing Heroin" are on here twice (two different performances), and "Steak Bomb," as the intro to "Drop The Attitude Fucker," is not listed. There are even a few songs featuring early singer/drummer Wimpy on vocals. As for videos, you get "Tamara Is a Punk," "Punk Rock Girls," "I Can't Get Over You," and their excellent cover of the Beach Boys' "Don't Back Down."

Add up the performances and the videos with the Joe Queer interview, where we find out he *really* doesn't like Fall Out Boy (does anyone?) and he declined to play the Warped Tour because he didn't want to play with a bunch of bands that suck, and this DVD is something that every Queers fan should own. Even if you're not a Queers fan, or have never even heard of them, and you just want to hear pop-punk the way it's supposed to be played, pick this up. Much like their idols The Ramones, The Queers have managed, over time, to write some of the most classic songs you'll never hear.

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