

**IMPALER** - *House Band at the Funeral Parlor* · MVD Visual

Let's get the bad out of the way first. The video and audio quality here are not the best. This was shot 4x3 with apparently just a single camera, which after watching/reviewing a few of the Metal Mind DVDs seems kind of underwhelming. But the real problem visually is how dark the image is... It's weird. There is no DD or DTS audio option, which isn't much of a big deal since the 2.0 mix is pretty good. That said, I like this bands Punk/Thrash combination and its somewhat cartoony horror/shock gimmick, and have enjoyed seeing them live before, so this is certainly cool. Although, as with any band that has been around this long (since the early '80s), there are always some songs I wish that they'd played, but the sickos do go all the way back to 1985's *Rise of the Mutants* for a couple songs, so it is a fairly complete set list.

But the main show is only the beginning! There is another short set from 1984, with not bad a/v quality, all things considered, and it's really cool to see this archival footage. The remainder of the disc is filled up with extras including the video clip for "The Last Ride," 1996 and 1998 cable access shows, a news segment about the band, an interview, plus a mini-interview and live performance of "Goblin Queen" on a local TV show. It's a very comprehensive collection. - 8.25 - <Ray>

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