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[Einstuerzende Neubauten](#) - Palast Der Republik

Einstuerzende Neubauten is one of those bands that critics love to use as a reference point, especially when talking about industrial music, but aside from possibly having seen interviews with EN's enigmatic leader Blixa Bargeld, most of those same critics have never viewed a proper performance by this crew of noise pioneers.

This DVD documents a full performance filmed at the Palast der Republic in (the former East) Berlin in 2004, which was torn down shortly afterward. The concert showcases The Neubauten's knack for creating beautifully chaotic soundpieces from instruments both traditional and unconventional. Metal pipes are clanked, PVS tubing is bonked, drum kits made of what looks like tip-roofing pieces are banged, and in one of the concert's quieter moments, moving styrofoam packing peanuts are delicately amplified to create a haunting and remarkably organic sounding background for a balladish piece. Even the railings of the building itself are used as percussive instruments.

Bargeld conducts the band, croons eerily throughout, and at one point early in the concert dramatically chases all the photographers out of the photo pit without saying a word.

This set is an excellent document of an important link in the evolution of modern music.

Blixa gives a little history of the Palast here:

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