

## ***Godsend Online***

***Destroy All Monsters - "Grow Live Monsters" DVD*** - From out of seemingly nowhere emerges this collection of home-made films from an early-mid-70s Michigan experimental/art/proto-industrial collective. From nazi cannibalism to murderous mermaids, from disco dancers to B-grade monster movies and tacky late-night TV adverts, DAM's aesthetic of junk-as-art is more than evident. Their collages of unrelated imagery are frantic and nonsensical (read: surrealistic), and despite the amateur-ish nature of these scattershot visuals, there is a sort of charming naivete and hypnotic dream-vibe to them. The actual music (which is integral to the films as there is no other dialogue) is a bloodclot of noise, tape effects, and general aural chaos, often embracing a sort of MC5-meets-Stooges rock experience, but more often than not a more abstracted series of bumps and grinds. Certainly groundbreaking and innovative for the era, to be sure. Think the films of Richard Kern (sans the seedy sub-porn element) meets early Psychic TV and the MC5, and you'll be in the same part of town. Sure, some of this is near-impossible to sit through, but it's a fascinating document of a group that didn't hesitate to shake things up more than 30 years ago. (MVD Visual)

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