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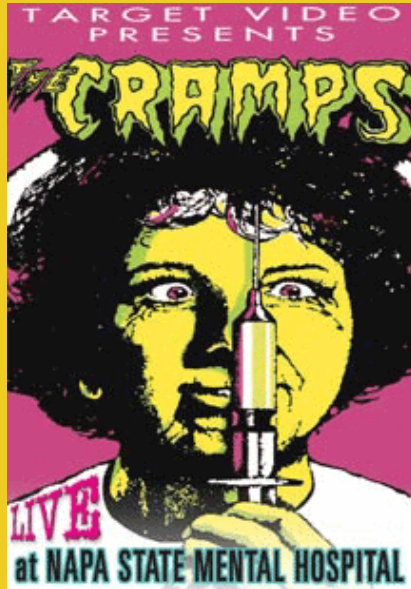


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CRAMPS

LIVE @ The Napa State Mental Hospital
MVD

One of the most prolific American First Wave Punk units, The Cramps, managed to tune into Americas seedy underbelly temptations and fetishes. They were the first band to mix 50s Rockabilly, with B-Movie Monster Shtick, punky fuzzed out guitars with 60's era nihilism and ego, and smart alec sarcasm to eventually spawn the whole Shockabilly movement two and a half decades later. Our comrades at MVD re-release the epic Target video of one strangely yet stellar performance of these nogoodniks at a freaken' nuthouse. The footage is raw and slightly out of focused (and I bet the band was too) but captures the magic that was (and still is to this day) the Cramps. Eight songs total including the fuzzed out hit "Human Fly" where the inmates of this

psychoward (In 1978 none the less) go a little nuts

and get this party started. One flew over the cuckoo's nest right into the heart of Lux Interiors wet dream. Sound wise, it gets a bit gravelly, but hey, everytime I saw the Cramps, it was always gravelly, chaotic and a spectacle to beseethe. By and large a must see for fans, a glimpse into the live chaos for those who haven't experienced the Cramps and maybe a social statement for the whole movement. The Demented play for the deranged or vice versa. Its a hoot, a howl, and hellatious good time. Seek this out Mofo's... It's worth the hunt.

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