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## Live at the Roundhouse, London 2008



Punk goddess rock returns with the X-Ray Spex, who first made their rawk splash in the 1970s. Three decades later and the fun is still there for the band, as evidenced most strongly by the vibe emanating from frontwoman Poly Styrene. She's still as neon as ever, as evidenced by this live shindig. The performance spans the decades of the band's output, giving old fans and new listeners alike a cross section of what the X-Ray Spex are all about. Drawing from the punk and no wave crowd, this vivacious punk princess and her band deliver non-hardcore punk complete with saxophone to round out the sound. Styrene's voice, of course, is the highlight here, with its discordant but not totally off-key (most of the time) edge. That's the kick of it. With her behind the mike, the X-Ray Spex are definitely not-another-punk-band. Of course, they are heroes of the punk days of lore, and, as such, it's good to see they're still in fine form and keeping the scene alive. Punk ain't dead. (Year Zero) Visit [www.mvdb2b.com](http://www.mvdb2b.com).

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