

Live at Rockpalast

[Charlie Daniels Band](#)

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Continuing a series of prime 70s and 80s concerts at the Rockpalast venue in Dortmund, Germany, WDR/Rockpalast/MIG has issued a fireball session with the estimable Charlie Daniels band, a Nov. 28, 1980 gig catching the band in one of several primes. Chaz hasn't been terribly in the limelight of late, and, thus, if you don't quite remember how damn well he can play that Les Paul gee-tar o' his'n (not to mention the violin), this DVD will searingly remind ya. Right from the git-go, in the opening cut, *Funky Junky*, he blazes away, so make sure a supply of asbestos sheets is handy, just in case.

An excellent selection of cuts is well shown here. Besides *Funky Junky*, you get *Jitterbug*, *Long Haired Country Boy*, *Uneasy Rider*, and *Devil went Down to Georgia* among a raft of kick-them-heels-up-Jeeter tracks, including a nearly 9-minute exposition of *Orange Blossom Special*. The grainy color format of the disc preserves the elder-day tone of the affair, but the music is as right now as anything presently out, Daniels—along with the Dead, Marshall Tucker, Poco, Outlaws, Asleep at the Wheel, and a fine roster of country rock bands, Tex-Mexers, and others—was responsible for the health of the genre and still stands as a prime exponent, this DVD just about all you'd need to prove the point.

As some hard-core country guys try to swing over to the rocker forum, concerts such as this show why so many miss the mark, bereft of the vitality and jam elements, among other deficiencies. Ya gotta have the balls, y'allz, 'n then the chops, not just the sheet music. It's a whole different environment—yea, even unto the blues, jazz, and gospel factors, shown nicely here in *No Potion for the Pain*. Treading the hoots 'n hollers ain't enough, ya hafta swallow some of Funk Potion #9 as well, and then get kick-ass after. The ingredients are far subtler than most cognize, and Charlie Daniels has never been in error on that count. Doubt me? Just watch this and be reconciled, brothers and sisters, then drag over a barstool for a beer and a pull at thet likker flask over yonder.

Track List:

- Funky Junky (Charlie Daniels)
- Trudy (Charlie Daniels)
- Jitterbug (Crain / Daniels / Edwards / DiGregorio / Hayward / Murray)
- Legend of Wooley Swamp (Crain / Daniels / Edwards / Di Gregorio / Hayward / Marshall)
- Blindman (Garner / Corlew / Crain / Smith)
- Reflections (Crain / Daniels / Edwards / Di Gregorio / Hayward / Marshall)
- El Toreador (Crain / Daniels / Edwards / Di Gregorio / Hayward / Marshall)
- No Potion for the Pain (DiGregorio / Joel / Wohlegemuth)
- In America (Crain / Daniels / Edwards / Di Gregorio / Hayward / Marshall)
- Long Haired Country Boy (Charlie Daniels)
- Uneasy Rider (Charlie Daniels)
- Cumberland Mountain No. 9 (Tommy Crain)
- Devil went Down to Georgia (Crain / Daniels / Edwards / Di Gregorio / Hayward / Marshall)
- The South's Gonna Do It Again (Charlie Daniels)
- Orange Blossom Special (Ervin T. Rouse)

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