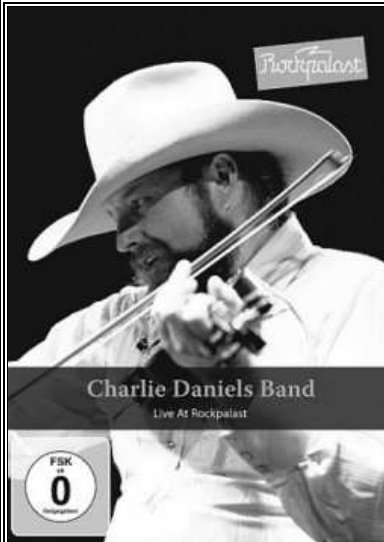


Charlie Daniels Band - Live At Rockpalast (1980)



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If you need some boogie woogie, if you need some down home rockin', if you need to see big bearded men sweating in cowboy hats, you need go no further, for you have found it all within this concert. The Charlie Daniels Band Live at Rockpalast is chock full of good time, aww shucks fun with all of their biggest hits represented. And this concert, recorded November 28th 1980 looks pretty damn good considering its age. The one drawback that I have with most of the Rockpalast releases (and it may be only my problem) is the shows insistence on putting the song titles at the bottom of the screen as the song is playing. At one point, during an encore number, they paste a great big CHARLIE DANIELS BAND across the whole screen for about 15 seconds. Annoying. Again, I'm probably nitpicking. Because of the rarity of the show, and the age of the film, most everything can be forgiven. I just want to make the viewer aware. This is a full screen release, and the picture is fair, with some softness here and there, and some color banding at points as well. It never becomes annoying, but you'll notice it from time to time. There is pretty good stereo sound throughout, and my only complaint on that front would have been to boost the bottom end a little bit. Let's get the bands history up to 1980.



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Daniels is a singer, guitarist, and fiddler, who began writing and performing in the 1950s. In 1964, Daniels co-wrote "It Hurts Me" (a song which Elvis Presley recorded) with Joy Byers. He worked as a Nashville session musician, often for producer Bob Johnston, including playing electric bass on three Bob Dylan albums during 1969 and 1970, and on recordings by Leonard Cohen. Daniels recorded his first solo album, Charlie Daniels, in 1971. He produced the 1969 album by The Youngbloods, Elephant Mountain and played the violin on "Darkness, Darkness".

His first hit, the novelty song "Uneasy Rider", was from his 1973 second album, Honey in the Rock, and reached No.9 on the Billboard Hot 100.

During this period, Daniels played fiddle on many of The Marshall Tucker Band's early albums: "A New Life", "Where We All Belong", "Searchin' For a Rainbow", "Long Hard Ride" and "Carolina Dreams". Daniels can be heard on the live portion of the "Where We All Belong" album, recorded in Milwaukee, WI on July 11, 1974.

In 1974, Daniels organized the first in a series of Volunteer Jam concerts based in or around Nashville, Tennessee, often playing with members of Barefoot Jerry.

In 1975, he had a top 30 hit as leader of the Charlie Daniels Band with the Southern rock self-identification anthem "The South's Gonna Do It Again". "Long Haired Country Boy" was a minor hit in that year. Daniels played fiddle on Hank Williams, Jr.'s 1975 album Hank Williams, Jr. and Friends.

Daniels won the Grammy Award for Best Country Vocal Performance in 1979 for "The Devil Went Down to Georgia", which reached No. 3 on the Hot 100 in September 1979. The following year, "Devil" became a major crossover success on rock radio stations after its inclusion on the soundtrack for the hit movie Urban Cowboy. Daniels appeared in the movie. The song is by far Daniels' greatest success, still receiving regular airplay on U.S. classic rock and country stations, and is well-known even among audiences who eschew country music in general. A hard rock/heavy metal cover version of the song was included in the video game Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock as the final guitar battle against the last boss (Lou, the devil).

Subsequent Daniels pop hits included "In America" (#11 in 1980), and "The Legend of Wooley Swamp" (#31 in 1980). In 1980, Daniels participated in the country music concept album, The Legend of Jesse James.

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Here's the tracklisting for the concert;

- 1.Funky Junky
- 2.Trudy
- 3.Jitterbug
- 4.Legend Of Wooley Swamp
- 5.Blindman
- 6.Reflections
- 7.El Toreador
- 8.No Potion For The Pain
- 9.In America
- 10.Long Haired Country Boy
- 11.Uneasy Rider
- 12.Cumberland Mountain No. 9
- 13.The Devil Went Down To Georgia
- 14.The South's Gonna Do It Again
- 15.Orange Blossom Special

If you needed any more reason to put this at the top of your to buylist, try a jumpin' ten minute version of Orange Blossom Special. This show will have your feet tappin' right off the edge of the couch! 9/10.


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