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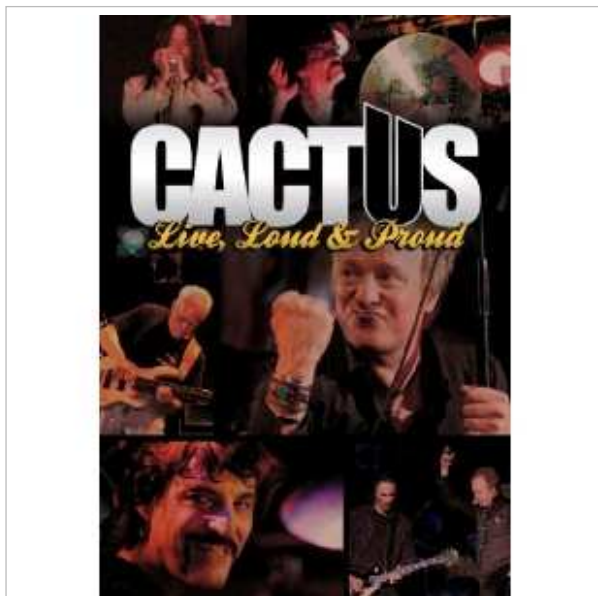
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Ripple Theater - Cactus - Live, Loud & Proud DVD



You can't kill the boogie. Boogie will never die! Cactus broke up in 1972 but in 2006 original members Carmine Appice, Tim Bogert and Jim McCarty recruited powerhouse vocalist Jimmy Kunes and harmonica player Randy

Pratt to resurrect the band and bring the power of the boogie pack to the people.

Captured live n nasty on their 2006-07 tour, this disc finds **Cactus** to still be a potent force to be reckoned with. Carmine proves once again that he's the best rock drummer around and Tim's bass playing is equally powerful. Guitarist Jim McCarty simply blazes. It's such a shame more people don't know how great he is. These three mutthers can really burn! Add Jimmy's raspy, soulful vocals and Randy's honking harmonica and you've got a blues party that you can put to use.

Old classics like "Let Me Swim" and "One Way Or Another" sit nicely alongside songs from their reunion album *Cactus V* like "Muscle and Soul" and their personal anthem "Cactus Music." Everyone gets a chance to shine but a real highlight is when Jim and Carmine play a killer duet before setting up Carmine's epic drum solo in their radical reworking of **Howlin Wolf's** "Evil." Tim shows all the bass players how it should be done on "Oleo." The climax of the show is an ultra-speedy "Parchman Farm" that slays.

Bonus materials include a cool jam session with **Warren Haynes, Joe Bonamassa** and **Pat Travers** with Jim and Pat playing really nicely together. There are also some interesting interviews with the band where they talk about how they really were intent on blowing everyone away. Their version of "Parchman Farm" was in direct response to the type of thing **Ten Years After** was doing with "I'm Going Home" but **Cactus** wanted to make it even more extreme. Everyone needs more Cactus in their life so check out this DVD and make sure to turn it up.
-- Woody

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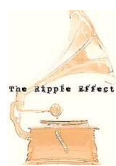
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