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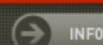
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ROCK N ROLL EXPERIENCE!



Welcome To The Sept / Oct 2011 edition of Rock N Roll Experience

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It's crazy how fast time flies when you're having fun....I can't believe the Summer of 2011 is already over & this issue features our exclusive coverage of the 2 best "metal" tours of the Summer, The Mayhem Fest & The Uproar Tour.

It's interesting how a year can make such a difference because last years Mayhem Fest was a much better billing, BUT, it was just a crappy year for Rock N Roll Experience & this year started off shakey but ended up turning out stellar & I wanted to send out a personal thank you to EVERYONE who made this year such a GREAT year...this Summer ROCKED!

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We took a little flack for the Chris Vrenna interview we did in August & I want to state for the record that Vrenna gave us Marilyn Manson dirt willingly & to anyone who got bent out of shape because he dished dirt...deal with it!

Looking at our list of upcoming shows I can tell you that we have an interestingly diverse list of bands that will be gracing the Rock N Roll Experience in the very near future & some might even surprise you...just be warned & expect the unexpected!

It was a sad day in the music world when the news of Jani Lane's passing was announced BUT to be honest with you it's not a huge shock because Rock N Roll Experience covered the Maryland "Metal Mania" tour where Jani literally walked offstage after only playing 3 or 4 songs & we were supposed to interview him as well but the guy just blew us off & despite calling his cell numerous times all we got was his voicemail recording that said, "Hi, this is Jani, leave a message!"...it's just sad to see such a talented guy fall by the waste-side...RIP Jani Lane.

You might wonder why the main pic for this month is ME with Terri Nun from Berlin...the simple answer is that we covered the INXS / Berlin show & I felt like her performance was great & therefore she deserved the spot with me as the main pic for this issue...Berlin were great!

Ok, I've rambled enough...thanks again for checkin' out the site, hope you enjoy it & life is what you make is, so make it a freakin' rock n roll party!



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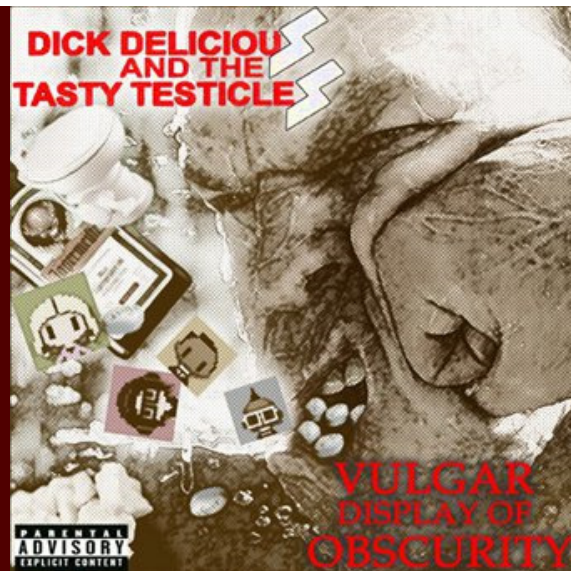
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REVIEWS

Before you begin reading these reviews, we have a rating system to tell you just how good or bad a CD is & here's the breakdown on how it works:

- 1 Star - You'd rather vomit than own this music!
- 2 Stars - This is a cd you don't want your friends to know you have
- 3 Stars - It's okay
- 4 Stars - This is a good one, it lacks a little something, but it's a keeper
- 5 Stars - You should consider buying this...it's a good one!
- 6 Stars - Do what you have to do by any means to get this disc, it's a MUST HAVE!!



DICK DELICIOUS & THE TASTY TESTICLES

Vulgar Display of Obscurity

Track Listing: (40 tracks total!)

Rating: 6 stars!

I'll explain the reason I didn't bother posting every song title in this review quite simply like this...there's 40 tracks on this record!

Billed as a band that's all about having fun, Dick Delicious & T.T are the proper mix of punk, rock & metal guitar riffs mixed with the silliest lyrics you'll ever hear in your life!

Topics on this record range from STD's, Anal Sex, Fergie, Drugs, Alcohol, sex, boobies, butts, balls, cock, & I could literally go on & on with the subject matter but you kinda get the idea that the band doesn't write songs with a political agenda, it's all about the gross out!

Featuring Ruyter from Nashville Pussy on lead guitar, DD&TT are a very adult oriented band that I can't see being played on rock radio anytime soon without totally censoring everything that makes the band fun!

There are 40 tracks on this cd but many of the tracks are spoken word tracks or fake commercials so in reality there's not actually 40 songs on this record, I mean the ending is simply them making fun of The Black Eyed Peas & stating that there's no bonus tracks on the record!

The poop jokes are comical on this record & what I will state right up front is that if you can't take a joke, laugh at dirty subject & not take things too seriously then you shouldn't check out this record, BUT, if you enjoy sick sexual jokes, lotsa dirty talk & occasional rip offs of old school metal & punk this is a record worth hunting down!

Special guest appearances by members of Mastodon & Blaine from Nashville Pussy are also added bonuses on this disc, but again I'll state for the record that this is a dirty freakin' record that's NOT meant for children or anyone easily offended!!



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EAST BAY RAY & THE KILLER SMILES

s/t

Track Listing: Raising The Stakes, Lipstick Cherry Red, You're Such a Fake, Area 51, The Heart is Something, It's Broken, I'm a User, The Runner, The Last Time You Failed, Safe & Sound, The Hardest Part, 16 Tons

Rating: 5.1 stars!

East Bay Ray is best known as the guitarist for punk icons The Dead Kennedies & his latest project is with a band called The Killer Smiles which is essentially Ray working with lead singer Skip McSkipster from The Winona Riders.

The record was produced by Paul Leary best known as a member of The Butthole Surfers & also the guy who produced the "hits" for Sublime!

This record is an interesting mix of punk, pop & even an occasional surf rock overtone here & there.

The record sounds raw yet has a polished sound to it & "You're Such a Fake" is probably my favorite song because it's got a great old school punk vibe. "Area 51" reminds me of Generation X a little and "It's Broken" is another hard rocker that's angry & dark...what I find so interesting about this record is that it's got a vintage sound to it yet it was recorded recently...you don't hear many newer records sounding like this & that's also what makes it so pleasing to my ears!

"16 Tons" has a Stray Cats swagger to it & yes, it's a cover



THE JESUS LIZARD
Club DVD

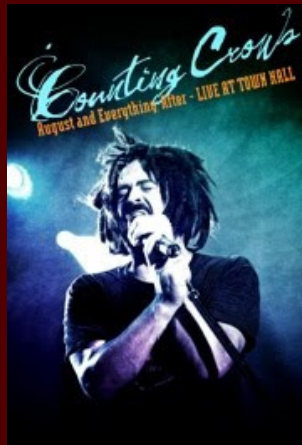
Track Listing:**Rating: 5 stars!**

Initially I wasn't sure what I thought about this band when I started to check out this dvd...the members are all much older these days & Yow still takes his shirt off at 48 years old but when he commented onstage that he wanted to apologize for his big belly BUT when you hit 48 please pay him a visit to see how your stomach looks...idk, I gained respect for him & the band!

Coollest thing about this dvd is that you can put the dvd disc into your computer & ALL the audio tracks from the concert are there on MP3 files & the band is essentially allowing you to burn a FREE audio cd of the entire concert on this disc!

Avante Garde at it's best, Jesus Lizard is a strange beast to define & they create music that sounds at a random note out of key, yet each song is unique & the band is a one of a kind expression of all things music & art!

This dvd captures the band playing all their older standards & for men their age they still plow through their material with passion & energy!

**COUNTING CROWES****August & Everything After - Live at Town Hall - Blu Ray / cd****Track Listing:****Rating: 4 stars!**

Whether you get the audio cd or the blu ray concert this new Counting Crowes live release is a great package & the music is a mix of rock, pop, with tones o' country rock, modern contemporary & the band is a very musical bunch for sure!

The band made a huge mistake when they placed their biggest hits in the beginning of the set because by the time you hit track 4 you've already heard the songs MOST want to hear!

"Ghost Train" is a dark song & it's got an erie feel to it that I dig alot while "A Murder of One" closes the show out with an all out 11 minute jam-fest that's complete with slide guitar solo!

The Blu Ray disc has a bonus section that has a very thorough interview with Adam & Charlie but I will warn you that it does tend to drag in pieces.

If you are a fan of Counting Crowes these releases are a must have!



THE VEDA RAYS

Gamma Rays, Galaxy Rays, Veda Rays

Track Listing: All Your Pretty Fates, Honey Pot, Our Ford, Long May She Roll, Out on Love, This Time Tomorrow, Ellipsis, Deleted, Just Dust

Rating: 5 stars!

"All Your Pretty Fates" starts this record off with a slow but interesting pace & "Honey Pot" is mid tempo with an interestingly echo-ridden vocal effect that plays throughout the track & adds a trippy element to the song.

"Our Ford" is a rocker that I actually dig & "Long May She Roll" on a musical level kinda reminds me of The Lemonheads with more aggression.

"Out on Love" has a retro rock n roll feel & it's definitely a stand out track & as a complete body of work this band is a fun rock n roll act that's got a retro style & feel to what they do.

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CANNED HEAT
Live at Montreux

Track Listing: On The Road Again, Please Mr. Nixon, Worried Life Blues, About My Ooh Poo Pa Doo, Funky, Night Time is the Right Time, Let's Work Together, Rock N Roll Music, Lookin' For My Rainbow, Shake N Boogie

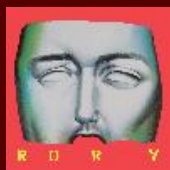
Rating: 6 stars!

Blues drenched rock n roll, Canned Heat were the shit!

The music on this live concert is pure rock n roll with blues that's got the balls of Johnny Winter combined with the swagger of the Rolling Stones..it's just some killer rock n roll music!

Covered in guitar solo's, harmonica solos & even an appearance by Gatemouth Brown, this record is solid listening material for rock n blues fans alike!

It's interesting to note that like many of the established blues artists from back in the day, most of the songs on this record are all covers & Canned Heat jams the hell out of every song making each song their own whether they wrote them or not!



RORY GALLAGHER
Defender

Track Listing: Kickback City, Loanshark Blues, Continental Op, I Ain't No Saint, Failsafe Day, Road To Hell, Doing Time, Smear Campaign, Don't Start Me Talkin', Seven Days, Seems To Me, No Peace For The Wicked

RORY GALLAGHER
Fresh Evidence

Track Listing: Kid Gloves, The King of Zydeco, Middle Name, Alexis, Empire State Express, Ghost Blues, Heaven's Gate, The Loop, Walkin' Wounded, Slumming Angel, Never Asked You For Nothin', Bowed Now Broken

RORY GALLAGHER
Wheels Within Wheels

Track Listing: Wheels Within Wheels, Flight To paradise, As The Crowe Flies, Lonesome Highway, Bratacha Dubha, She Moved Thro' The Fair, Barley & Grape Rag, The Cuckoo, Amazing Grace, The Walking Blues, Blue Moon of Kentucky, Deep Elm Blues, Goin' To My Hometown, Lonesome Highway Refraining

RORY GALLAGHER
BBC Sessions

Track Listing: CD 1: Calling Card, What in the World, Jacknife Beat, Country Mile, Got My Mojo Working, Garbage Man, Roberta, Used To Be, I Take What I Want, Cruise On Out
Disc 2: Race The Breeze, Hands Off, Crest of a Wave, Feel So Bad, For The Last Time, It Takes Time, Seventh Son of a 7th Son, Daughter of the Everglades, They Don't Make Them Like You, Toredown, When My Baby She Left Me, Hoodoo Man

Rating: 6 stars!

This is the last batch of the Rory Gallagher releases & I'll start off with "Defender" which starts off with a song called "kickback City" which is clearly Rory trying to modernize his sound & it almost starts off like KISS "Lick it Up" slightly!

This record is still blues soaked & "I Ain't No Saint" is a mix of tango with blues which makes it interesting.

The 2 bonus cuts on this cd are rockers..."Seems To Me" could have been a Stevie Ray Vaughan song with the typical blues sound that only a Fender Strat can produce & "No Peace for the Wicked" has a southern rock feel to it.

"Fresh Evidence" was recorded in the 90's & finds Rory exploring a bit o' the cajun sound alongside blues, & the experimentation was more diverse on this record for sure...there are no bonus tracks on this disc.

"Wheels Within Wheels" was released after Rory's passing & is all acoustic material which shows a more folksy side to the man yet still there's the undeniable blues playing!

The last disc is a double set culled from Rory's BBC Sessions & the first disc is all live material while the 2nd is "in the studio" performances...all the performance were performed over several years & no 2 songs repeat on either disc which is unusual because most artists wind up playing the same songs in their set at some point.

"Got My Mojo Working" & "Toredown" are the stand out tracks from this 2 disc set & with this last batch of re-releases it concludes the project to reissue all of Rory's music...the expanded versions with new liner notes, bonus tracks & remastered sound make EVERY reissue a must have for all blues rock enthusiasts alike!

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REVIEWS





FAMOUS LAST WORDS

Demo EP

Track Listing: Labyrinth, Starting Over, I'll Get You Next Time Gadget, This Isn't Blackmail This is War, Interlude, Snowmageddon, Bob Cox Lives In Ohio

Rating: 6 stars!

Listening to this cd I am reminded of the first time I heard Linkin Park; I saw the band wayyy before they were a household name, long before they had a countless string o' radio hits, long before they were selling out arenas all over the world...I remember seeing Linkin Park & thinking to myself wow, this band IS the future of rock music!

Listening to the new EP from Famous Last Words I get that same overwhelming feeling because the bands sound is new, their approach to writing music is fresh, they are energy personified & what they do so brilliantly is create heavy music for the next generation of rock fans!

"Labyrinth" opens the EP & the song is a good representation of what the band is all about....they blend heavy guitar riffs with pounding rhythm, hard beats, keyboards that create orchestral tones in some parts & video game like tones in others; the key element to the bands sound is the interesting vocals that range from polished & clean emo swoons mixed alongside angry aggro screams!

I used the Linkin Park analogy for 2 reasons, the first was because I knew that band would be huge when I saw them before they broke & also because when I hear Famous Last Words they kinda remind me of an updated version of Linkin Park with the rap elements stripped out in favor of a more modern metal-core sound.

"Interlude" is the song that will throw you when you hear it because it's the song that explores the bands eclectic electro side & what I commend this band on is that fact that the "Demo" EP is just a tad over 20 minutes in length, yet it covers all the bases & really felt like a great record from start to finish.

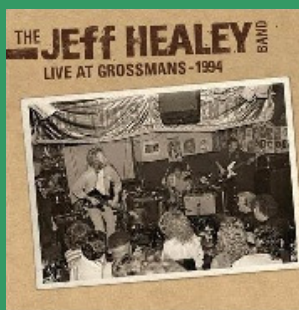
The guitar tones are clear & sound strong, the overall mixing of the EP is damn good & this band could easily be on tour with Bullet for My Valentine, Pierce the Veil, or even Rise Against because they have so much energy & attitude on every single track off this record.

This is the best independently released EP for 2011 hands down!

For more info on the band & to find out the details on how to get this EP as a free download go to: <http://www.facebook.com/famouslastwordsmusic>

INTERVIEW with FAMOUS LAST WORDS

FAMOUS LAST WORDS VIDEO, "Starting Over" - acoustic



THE JEFF HEALEY BAND

Live At Grossman's - 1994

Track Listing: I'm Going Home, Killing Floor, As The Years Go Passing By, Ain't That Just Like A Woman, Yer Blues, Who's Been Talking, Crossroads, Dust My Broom, All Along The Watchtower

Rating: 4 stars!

This record features Jeff Healey performing a set of all covers & the opening number is one of Alvin Lee's more well known tracks, yet without the vocals I hardly recognized it on this record because the jamming makes the song sound like a brand new track!

"Yer Blues" is a John Lennon cover that sounds pretty cool while the last 3 songs on this set are the ones most listeners might recognize.

"Crossroads" is the song Eric Clapton made famous while the version on this record is slower than Slow Hands & stripped down, then comes "Dust My Broom" which ZZ Top regularly covered done originally by Elmore James, then the closer is the song written by Bob Dylan yet it's Jimi Hendrix's biggest hit, "All Along The Watchtower".

The cover of "All Along The Watchtower" is interesting because the song has new life & it's done in Jeff's style...the Hendrix version is a bit more lo-fi & old sounding while the Healey version has a more treble feel & sound to it...the record is a fun listen for guitar players & fans of modern blues rock although I can't see this record selling millions based on the fact that blues records just don't sell as well as pop records in the USA...in all honestly who cares though, the music on this record is superb!

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