

Meat Puppets

"Out My Way" CD

(MVD Audio)

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Originally a 1986 EP, this reissue adds 7 mostly unreleased tracks, making for a more substantial 52-minute album. Coming from the diverse, but punk-affiliated SST label, no doubt these boys confused many a listener. Having much more in common with country and folk than punk, per se, "Out My Way" is full of chiming indie pop tunes. Covers of "Good Golly Miss Molly", "I Just Want To Make Love To You", and "Burn The Honky Tonk Down" show that the brothers Kirkwood and friends were drawing inspiration from such disparate sources as early rock and roll, blues, and country -- all filtered through the Puppets' sun-baked Arizona psychedelic mindset. "Out My Way" may have been *little more than* a stop-gap release in its day, but it holds up remarkably well now.

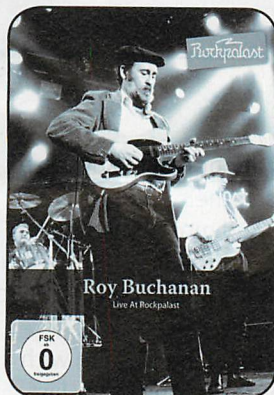
— Todd Zachritz

Roy Buchanan

"Live At Rockpalast" DVD

(MiG Music)

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Often heralded as one of the greatest guitarists of all-time, the relatively unknown Buchanan reportedly turned down both the Rolling Stones and Eric Clapton to play in their bands (the Stones after the death of Brian Jones, and Clapton's early Derek & The Dominos) back in the 60s. His mastery of otherworldly fretwork encompassed early rock & roll as well as blues styles, and he influenced many of the greats.

This German TV broadcast, recorded live in 1980, presents Buchanan in his glory, with plenty of his own compositions as well as covers of "Peter Gunn" and Hendrix favorites "Hey Joe" and "Foxy Lady". As with other releases in the "Rockpalast" series, it's an impeccable recording, with multi-camera angles and clean, clear sound. Buchanan's music was so timeless, there's little clue that this show is over 30 years old, aside from the audience's attire. Masterful, and much respect to Buchanan, R.I.P.

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