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#### ROCK N ROLL EXPERIENCE!



Welcome To The Jan / Feb 2012 edition of Rock N Roll Experience

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Hello & Welcome to the January / February 2012 issue of Rock N Roll Experience!

Holy Crap, it's hard to believe yet another year has already started, but 2012 is here & I hope you're as ready for it as I am!

Now that 2011 is history I figured it was time to give you guys the Rock N Roll Experience - Best of 2011 list:

Rock N Roll Experience's Top 3 Records of 2011 List

1. Michael Monroe - Sensory Overdrive
2. Foo Fighters - Wasting Light
3. Staind - s/t

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**Michael Monroe gets big props from Rock N Roll Experience because he made a triumphant return to the States & released an amazing kick-ass rock record to boot!**

**The most recent Foo Fighters record is amazing from start to finish & the new Staind record has the band returning to their roots which makes their latest release their best record EVER as far as I'm concerned!**

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**◆Rock N Roll Experience◆s Top 3 Tours of 2011 List◆**

**1. Michael Monroe - 2011 US Tour**

**2. Liz Phair - 2011 Winter tour**

**3. Danzig - 2011 US Tour**

**Again, Michael Monroe◆s return to the states blew us all away & Liz Phair◆s return to the concert stage was a pleasant return even if her tour didn◆t sell as well as her previous jaunts across the US. The 2011 Danzig tour was great & most shows sold out.**

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**We have a ton o◆ cool features coming your way so all I can say is just keep checking back to see new pieces posted daily on this site!**

**In 2012 the long awaited new Marilyn Manson record will come out & the record will be followed up with a world tour that◆s hopefully better than his last world tour which was less production & more propaganda.**

**Part of our 2011 Year End celebration included partying with Halestorm & Child's Play @ Ram's Head Live in Baltimore just days before 2011 ended so I'd like to send a special shout out to Lzzy, Joe & all the Halestorm peeps as well as John Allen & Nik from CP for helping us send out 2011 with a bang!**

**Anyways, I can babble all day so I◆ll just shut up after I say, as always, thanks for checking out the site, enjoy it & keep rock alive!**

**~bob**

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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**

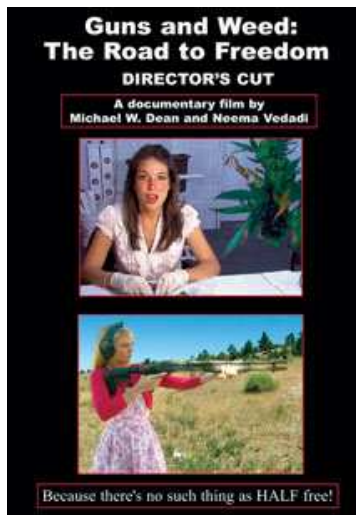
**3 Stars - It's okay**

**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!!**

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**GUNS AND WEED: THE ROAD TO FREEDOM**  
dvd

Track Listing:

**Rating: 5 stars!**

The premise of this dvd reads like a TV channel gone insane....the mini clips on this movie represent the need for legalized weed & the comical notion that guns are legal & wind up in the wrong hands far too many times.

There are many true to life points in this mocumentary while the film maker makes it a point to keep the comedy in tact & flowing through out.

I don't always agree with all the drug statements made in this movie BUT I do agree that the government makes too big of a deal with the drug situation & seeing pretty girls shoot guns is always a plus as far as I'm concerned!

The mock hip hop moments were funny because they were written well but made in a way that they were far from good & humorous on both execution & lyrics.

As a complete work this is a fun watch & the extras on the disc make it a great packaging.



**THE LOVE WE MAKE**  
blu ray

Track Listing:

**Rating: 6 stars!**

It's quite funny to watch this movie which is essentially Paul McCartney's view on 911 & how he helped put together one of the largest tributes to raise cash for those effected...I was chatting about the events of 911 a few days prior to watching this movie & 911 was one of the most tragic events in US history; the country basically came to a stand still & it was the only time I can remember in my short life that the ENTIRE country seemed to come together & take care of one another.

This movie has great behind the scenes footage as well as performances from the biggest names in music.

Howard Stern's clip is my personal favorite, but seeing the ever so elusive David Bowie is also great because this might be one of the last times he made a public appearance!

Possibly the most touching & sentimental gatherings of celebrity for a cause, this blu ray shows what can be accomplished when everyone unites for cause...the tragedy of 911 will never be forgotten & this blu ray is a great reminder of what can be accomplished when everyone works together!



#### THE FALL

##### Ersatz GB

Track Listing: Cosmos 7, Taking Off, Nate Will Not Return, Mask Search, Greenway, Happi Song, Monocard, Laptop Dog, I've Seen Them Come, Age of Chang

**Rating: 4 stars!**

Style wise this cd mixes avant-garde, punk, rock & weird stuff...the vocals are part spoken & when they are sung they are punk-ish while the music ranges from rock to punk to garage with styles that blend 50's - 80's..it's a weird mix o' sounds that makes this cd eclectic & interesting for those who have a musically open mind towards things different.

The packaging is cool because the art is limited to just a front & back cover & the art is pieced together in a way that makes it just as cool as the music on the cd entitled "Ersatz GB".

The songs on this record are raw, uncompromising & sound low budget compared to most rock released in this era & if you enjoy music with no boundaries this is a record you will get off on.

"Happi Song" is my personal fav & it's a mellow song with female vocals.



**DEATHSQUAD DEMONGODS**  
**Your New Favorite F88kin' Band**

**Track Listing: Your New Favorite F88kin' Band, Deathsquad Demongods, Everybody's Favorite Guy, Dirty Little Liar, Apocalypse Joe, All Of The Demons Pledge Allegiance To Me, Judas Priest**

**Rating: 6 stars!**

This band is interesting because they have their own little vibe going on which isn't anything totally "new" considering they mix up what KISS, Danzig & WASP did many years prior, BUT, the band is a breath of fresh air in this musical climate & the art for the record is awesome with the bands singer dressed as some sorta post-apocalyptic superhero who has a bevy o' zombie strippers who serve him!

The bands music is sleazy rock with funny lyrical content....easily influenced by 80's hair rock, glam & punk, Deathsquad Demongods are a fun band in both their music & their image. With the right push & backing this band could be big or at the very least they could give the music biz a breath o' fresh air because what this band does makes me wanna see & hear more from them simply because they are entertaining & cool!

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REVIEWS..

**STAIND**

s/t

**Track Listing:** Eyes Wide Open, Not Again, Failing, Wannabe, Throw It All Away, Take A Breath, The Bottom, Now, Paper Wings, Something To Remind You

**Rating: 6 stars!**

I will go on record & state that this IS the best record Staind have EVER released!

The band went mellow on the last few records & with this one the anger returns! Aaron is screaming, he's mad, he's pissed & the vocals are just as aggressive as the music!

"Paper Wings" is my personal favorite off this record & as a complete body of work the entire record is solid, there's one ballad at the end of the record, & overall there's no bs, just straight up hard rock & there's even guitar solo's on most songs which is something the band didn't do much of in the beginning!

Listening to this record you can hear how the bands grown as writers & players & this record reminds me of Alice in Chains alot which is a good thing!

This is another best of 2011 record...it's a record that defines 2011 & if you like hard rock & Metal you must own this one!

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REviews..





### COME AS YOU ARE

#### A 20th Anniversary Tribute To Nirvana's Nevermind

**Track Listing:** The Dutch Masters (featuring Brent and Courtney of The Dandy Warhols) "Smells, mewithoutYou "In Bloom", Civil Twilight "Come As You Are", Story Of The Year "Breed", Hawthorne Heights "Lithium", Finger Eleven "Polly", Will Dailey "Territorial P\*\*\*\*\*gs", Maps & Atlases "Drain You", Murder By Death "Lounge Act", Pitty "Stay Away", The Album Leaf "On A Plain", Margot and the Nuclear So and So's "Something In the Way", Anthony Raneri (of Bayside) "About A Girl"

**Rating: 6 stars!**

When I read the press release for this record I expected very little other than straight ahead covers & what I heard upon first listen of this record was an interesting mix of diversity & artist expression that made each track on this record a great listen... take the very first track, "Smells Like Teen Spirit" which some of the members of The Dandy Warhols reinterpreted in a way that made the song totally different than the original...their version is mellow & nothing like the angst driven original by Nirvana...all the anger & energy has been replaced by purposely pondered apathy & droning vocals that make the song 100% different & even the way the song is played is done in a manner that the song is barely a cover to be quite honest with you & more of a NEW song!

"In Bloom" by Mewithoutyou is the same way...it strips away the heavy guitars & the instrumentation is beyond mellow...it's actually a completely different song, the only similarity it has to the original is the lyrics, the arrangement is totally different & to a novice of Nirvana you might not even recognize the new version!

"Come As You Are" is another totally different take on the original that might shock you & the only songs that kinda stick to the original versions are "Drain You", "Stay Away" & "Lithium" although I miss the angst in the latter... Hawthorne Heights version has their own flavor to it & they make the singing a little less angst-ridden.

"On A Plain" is one of my favorite songs off the original Nevermind record & the version on this tribute performed by The Album Leaf is totally mellow & again, other than the lyrics, the musical interpretation is totally different instrument wise from what the original was & that's the beauty of this record...the Nevermind record has been re-interpreted in a really cool way & it makes the songs have a new life in many ways...this is a cool way to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of this record.







## SLASH

### Live - Made in Stoke 24/7/11

**Track Listing:** Been There Lately, Nightrain, Ghost, Mean Bone, Back From Cali, Rocket Queen, Civil War, Nothing To Say, Starlight, Promise, Doctor Alibi, Speed Parade, Watch This, Beggars & Hangers On, Patience, Godfather Solo, Sweet Child o' Mine, Slither, By The Sword, Mr. Brownstone, Paradise City

**Rating: 6 stars!**

When you listen to this record I will warn the GNR purists....listen to this record with an open mind & realize it's NOT AXL singing, that these songs are Slash & his band...the problem I had at first with this record was that I grew up on GNR & the classics like "Brownstone" are holy grail tracks that you can't change...well, AXL will probably never perform with Slash again so this is the closest you can get to the real thing & the version o' the GNR classics on this disc are solid, Slash's playing still sounds the same to some degree & there's 2 instrumentals on disc #2 that fill the disc out very well...the bulk of the record is split between Slash solo material, GNR material & one Velvet Revolver song.

Miles Kennedy sings his ass off & he's NOT AXL which is a good thing....Miles adds his own style to a song like "Sweet Child o' Mine" that makes it kinda interesting & almost new sounding but with the song "Paradise City" it's easy to lose yourself in the bands playing & not even notice the vocal differences between Miles & AXL!

As a fan of GNR I enjoyed this 2 cd set alot & it's sad that AXL blocked the release of the blu ray disc in the USA because the fans got screwed on that & it's all because AXL is a big baby!

"Slither" is the only song I might say loses a little steam & it's probably because VR were just really solid players & the version on this record sounds like a cover in all honesty whereas most of the GNR songs, musically, sound authentic.

"Starlight" & "Promise" are 2 of my favorites & listening to this record I forgot just how much I really liked the song "Beggars & Hangers On" from Slash's first solo record...Eric Dover can't hold a candle to Miles though!

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