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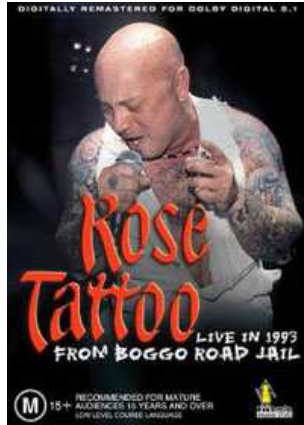
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Rose Tattoo - Live in 1993 From Boggo Road Jail (MVD)

Rose Tattoo is perhaps the most overlooked rock 'n' roll band of the century. These Australian pioneers created some of the most impressive sweaty rock, sporting a tattoo or two while at it. This particular show is a reunion to celebrate the closing of the Boggo Road Jail, and the location couldn't be more appropriate for the band.

Having never caught Rose Tattoo live, this writer had been collecting any footage available on the band. This was floating in the trading circuit, but it never sounded and looked better than it does now here. The band just kills, song after song. And then there is Angry Anderson, the enemy of the state, the chairman of the board. One of the finest front men on the planet, don't mind the size, the energy is breathtaking.

This is also the original line up of the band, and it's great to see Pete Wells and Mick Cocks still rocking hard. Both guitar players passed away since, Wells in 2006, and Cocks in 2009. The DVD is a great tribute to both departed members. It immortalizes the band as they were intended to be. Rose Tattoo of course is still continuing to play and record, and convert the non-believers.

The energy here is undeniable. The DVD shows a great band in what appears to be a very natural environment. They are playing hard, but they're having fun, and so does everyone watching. That energy certainly spills over to the other side of the TV screen as well.

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