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Class: Ska and hardcore legends rock legendary club

MVD Audio and CBGB's are finally releasing a stellar collection of live shows covering everything from indie to hardcore to ska. Among the best in the collection is this amazing set from two tone legends The Toasters. Recorded nearly six years ago, the only disappointing thing about the album is the length, coming in at only 11 songs. With plenty of banter between the band and audience, the record includes some of The Toaster's best songs including "Mona," "Shebeen" and "I'm Running Right Through the World." Although there is no substitute for seeing the band live, this record does a pretty damn good job of capturing some of the excitement and energy of their show.

Terror's live set at the club, recorded almost four years ago, is being released at the same time and while it is in an entirely different genre as the Toaster's record, the intensity is just as palpable. With just two records under their belt by the time this West Coast hardcore band played this CBGB's show, the crowd is still borderline rabid. There are fewer back and forths with the audience, as the band concentrates on churning out teeth rattling hardcore. Combined, these records offer a nice testament to the legendary former club that helped introduce punk music to America.

Toasters = B+, Terror = B

- John Moore