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The Toasters "CBGB OMFUG Masters: Live 6/28/02 The Bowery Collection"

Record Label: MVD Audio
Genre: Ska
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MVD Audio is releasing a bunch of CBGB live album series and the first album of the series that I'm reviewing is from the Toasters. The Toasters were one of the first ska bands I saw live back in 1996 and they are still going strong, just not as much in the US anymore. They still put on a fun show that makes you want to skank all around the club. This recording was recorded in 2002, at the legendary rock club CBGBs in NYC. Part of the proceeds for this album go to the Hilly Kristal's Foundation for Musicians and Artists.

I'm not sure how I feel about this album because the quality isn't the greatest. I've heard bootlegs that sound better than this. The band played 11 tracks on the album and some aren't ones I'd want to hear from them on a live album. But this was around the time they released "Enemy of the System," which isn't my favorite album from the Toasters. But they still sound good, I just would have liked to have heard some other songs that's all. I would have liked to have heard less solos too. Man I can't stand solos, especially when you are trying to skank to that. The one song I'm glad they included on this album was "Social Security," which is probably one of my favorite Toasters' songs. If you like the Toasters then check out this CBGB live album.

RATING & SUMMARY:

Bottom Line: Toasters' fans will like this...I think
Notable Tracks: I'm Running Right Through The World, Run Rudy Run, Social Security
Overall Rating: ★★ ★
Reviewer: Bryan Kremkau

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Comments:

Posted on: April 1st 2008. **Posted by:** XXXSkaPunk
 pretty much yeah

Different year, songs, line-up

Posted on: April 1st 2008. **Posted by:** Jeremy Toaster

Well, both Live In London and Live In Brasil were about 4-5 years before this show, so there are new songs from Enemy Of The System that weren't around during those other two live records. Also, the line up in The Toasters changes pretty regularly, so even older songs have different flavours in newer shows. I tried to get CBGBs to do a split or double cd for this, with some live shows I have from 1985 / 87 of The Toasters at CBGBs...maybe some day!

Posted on: April 1st 2008. **Posted by:** XXXSkaPunk

Yeah I would have like to have heard older CBGBs recordings Jeremy. Even if the recordings might not have been as good in quality.

Posted on: March 31th 2008. **Posted by:** the people downstairs

How is this to be anymore special or different from the other live albums that The Toasters put out like let's say "Live in London" or Live in Brazil" Pretty much the same songs done live but in other countries.

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