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## Ween to release live DVD of old-school performance

October 1, 2008 4:37 p.m. by [Jeff Skruck](#)



Ween is set to release a live show on DVD from back in the *Pure Guava* days when it was just Dean, Gene and a DAT machine onstage. *At the Cat's Cradle 1992* will be released as a CD/DVD on Nov. 11. It will also include live footage from a Halloween show in Holland in 1991 and a show in Columbus, Ohio, in 1992.

Here's Dean's thoughts via his liner notes:

"From our first 'real' concert in 1987 until the release of *Chocolate and Cheese* in 1994 we played concerts as a duo--Aaron on vocals and acoustic guitar and me on electric guitar with the bass and drums played from a cassette deck. Later on we purchased a DAT machine for the backing tracks and this speeded up our show a little. A typical [Ween](#) set was no more than an hour long, and we'd play about 24 songs in that amount of time. There was no jamming at all whatsoever. Things are a lot different now. Every night we had to face the crowd pretty much naked, there was nowhere to hide, no room for an off night. We did a lot of talking to the crowd and one another between songs, we pretty much had to. We faced a lot of hostile audiences when we were the opening act on a show. There was a lot to hate about us but we won over a lot of people in the process because of our sheer nerve. A lot of our closest friends feel that [Ween](#) live pretty much ended when we switched to a traditional band format with a bass player and drummer; I dunno about that but by the release of *Pure Guava* our show was no longer interesting to us. We were doing a lot more touring and playing the same songs with no room for improvising had gotten boring for us. Once we started releasing records and touring more as a duo we got a lot better at it, we stopped caring about what the audience thought of us and just focused on having fun onstage. This was when we maximized our brownness. I don't remember too much about this concert other than the fact that we played the *Cat's Cradle* a lot of times and in a few different locations. Public Enemy had played the club a few nights before and blown up the P.A. and our sound man Kirk Miller was pissed. I thought it was great because Public Enemy are one of my favorite bands of all time and I was just happy to be playing on the same stage. Our touring party consisted of Me, Aaron, and Kirk Miller, our soundman and driver. Once we signed to Elektra we added a tour manager, Paul Monahan, who would stay with us for many years. Anyway, this is pretty typical of what we sounded like on a good night those first few tours."

Here's the *Cat's Cradle* set list:

- Captain Fantasy
- You Fucked Up
- Tick
- Boing
- Listen to The Music
- Don't Get 2 Close (2 My Fantasy)
- Cover It With Gas And Set It On Fire
- Seconds
- Marble Tulip Juicy Tree
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