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Music DVD Review: Dancing Horses by Echo And The Bunnymen

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This Liverpool based band has been around for nearly 30 years, boy time passes quick. Fronted by Ian McCulloch these Bunnymen must be where 'Energizer' got their advertisement idea from. They keep going, and going, and going! While it can be argued that their sound is trapped in the 80's, it really does not matter, because they are so damn good at it. This is classic rock at its very finest. The DVD uses video from one of their concerts at one of London's best known rock locales, The Sheppard's Bush Empire, or to us old school laggards 'The Bush'! Back in the day, everyone would know where you were talking about.

Echo And The Bunnymen have had a long, if not always illustrious career. For most of the 80's they were just another startup rock band with no clear identity, just a bunch of kids with raging hormones and zits. From these humble beginnings we now find a very accomplished and polished band.

I found a couple of the tracks to be Bowie-esque, very Ziggy Stardust inspired. I do not mean that in a negative way, I think it reflects on a fleeting, but very important phase of the rock movement. Show of Strength is a song that could have been written and performed by David Bowie.

Groundbreaking, Echo And The Bunnymen may not be, but listenable they certainly are. Rock and Ballads may not seem like good bedfellows at first glance, but they do actually work well, and Ian McCulloch is a master at it. Stormy Weather is a great example of this fabulous genre.

With a running time of over 2 hours, this is a very enjoyable concert, and well worth the price of admission. You can get your copy from MVD.

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