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ECHO & THE BUNNYMEN - "Dancing Horses Live DVD" - MVD Visual [Aug 07]
This concert DVD is recommended for all longtime fans of these chilly Liverpoolian rockers. The setlist is a tour through their bigger sounding music, not quite a "hits tour" but a set chosen to blend the newer songs with the old standards. "Scissors In The Sand" from their recent "Siberia" album slots in next to "The Cutter" and if you hadn't bought "Siberia" you'd think you were hearing a lost b-side contemporary to their 1983 masterpiece "Porcupine." This show was shot in London in 2005 and in visual and audio quality, they've done a great job. Mostly intuitive editing, keeping the focus on the two stars, Mac and Sergeant. They are the only 2 original members, as Pete deFreitas died in a motorbike crash years ago and bassist Les Pattinson moved on some time ago. The fill-in men are young and hip but stay in the background, letting Mac and his floppy hair, sunglasses, and ever-ready cigarette weave a spell of post-punk magic. Highlights include a haunting rendition of "the Disease" followed by "All That Jazz" that reminds one instantly of the greatness the Bunnymen were capable of achieving. It is 25 years on, since a gangly trio debuted at a Liverpool YMCA with a drum machine (the original "Echo"), and so our two heroes are a bit long in the tooth, Mac's 1980's devastating good looks have matured, Will has filled out a bit, but they still sound amazing and deliver the goods. --- Leeds 8/11 [top](#)

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