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DVD Review::Echo & The Bunnymen:Dancing Horses - Live At Shepherd's Bush Empire 1 November 2005



The hair may be a bit flatter, and the voice has a bit more smokey character, but **Ian McCulloch** still exhibits supreme control over the microphone. The band start off somwhere between spacey and tribal with songs like *Going Up* and *With A Hip*, only to sedate the audience with the elegance of *Bring On The Dancing Horses*. On this early November night, the audience is treated to a selection of mostly Bunnymen classics. There are many highlights here, but the performances of *Never Stop*, *The Back Of Love*, and *Villiers Terrace* are all standouts. However, on this particular night, the vampy elongated version of *Rescue* may be the band's greatest offering. The set closes with a stirring rendition of *Ocean Rain*. Dancing Horses is a strong performance that will entice **Bunnymen** fans and make some new ones.

When I think of **Echo & the Bunnymen**, I think of atmosphere, inventive guitar, one of the greatest voices in rock music, and the first time I ever saw two girls make out. On their new dvd **Dancing Horses**, **Echo and The Bunnymen** present us with a solid display of their tunes proving that as of 2005 they were still relevant and a force to be reckoned with. The footage is from the 1st of November 2005 at the **Shepherd's Bush Empire**. The dvd then follows with some fairly extensive interviews with lan McCulloch and Will Sergeant from the same period.

Songs

Going Up With A Hip Show Of Strength Bring On The Dancing Horses The Disease Scissors In The Sand All That Jazz The Back Of Love The Killing Moon In The Margins Never Stop Villiers Terrace Of A Life Rescue The Cutter Nothing Lasts Forever Lips Like Sugar Ocean Rain

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