

# DAGGER ZINE

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## **Johnny Thunders**

**WHO'S BEEN TALKING:IN CONCERT-** (MVD)- I gotta admit I was never a big New York Dolls fan and I liked the Heartbreakers even less. Johnny Thunders, guitarist for both bands and while a fine guitarist, I think the guy was overrated. Had a chance to see him once in Philly at Revival in about 1987 and blew it off (did he even show up?) . This is a concert from Japan probably right before his death and on stage with him he had a dancing girl/backup singer plus a honking sax player. While he does play "Chinese Rocks" (his signature tune) he does play "In Cold Blood", "Personality Crisis", "Gloria", plus his usual surf tunes; "Pipeline" and "Wipeout." After watching him play I now believe he probably wasn't overrated, in fact, he may have been a bit underrated. The guy was a fairly amazing guitar player (in the scarf wearin'/face makin'/struttin' across the stage type styles). It's a shame that he's known more these days as a punchline to a heroin joke than he is a terrific guitar player but we all make our own beds. WHO'S BEEN TALKING is definitely worth checking out. [www.mvdb2b.com](http://www.mvdb2b.com)