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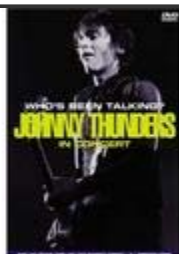
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JOHNNY THUNDERS
IN CONCERT: WHO'S BEEN TALKING?
(MVD Visual)
BY DAVID MANSDORF

This DVD comes from a 1991 Thunders concert in Osaka, which was his last recorded show before his mysterious death. The image quality is not as crisp as you would hope for, but the sound quality is solid, as Thunders and his group slash through 22 numbers in 100 minutes. Thunders' voice and guitar are spot on (somewhat surprising, given almost two decades of colossal drug abuse), but the show feels more like a glossy soul revue than a white-hot sweaty rock show. There's way too many covers and rock standards on the setlist, and not enough of the prime Heartbreakers/NY Dolls material that cemented Thunders' reputation among the early punks as a guitar hero. Add in a few un-necessary solo turns from a female back-up singer and some overzealous sax playing on almost every song, and you have just a merely decent DVD that you would trade in a heartbeat for the recent NY Dolls dvd (also released on MVD).

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