

REVIEW SCALE

5 – The album is excellent, it could also be considered perfect or near perfect. There may be a few glitches or setbacks, but they are not detrimental.

4 – The album is very good. There aren't too many glitches or setbacks but the ones that are present keep the album from being excellent.

3 – The album is mediocre. While the album is alright, there isn't anything that makes it stand out above other albums. Some of it is good, and some of it needs work.

2 – The album is bad. Many things have gone wrong, and unless it happens to be within your personal favorite genre, chances are it's not even worth your time. The band has a lot to work on.

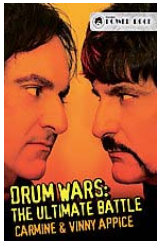
1 – The album is terrible. The album isn't worth your time, no exceptions.

Note: Be aware that in November 2004 the grading scale was revised to how it is shown above in order to maintain more consistencies between our reviewers. Many of the reviews in our Archive may include ½ marks and ¼ marks and please be aware that the ratings at that time were also more open to our reviewers' interpretations of the rating scale, as opposed to this now absolute grading scale which our reviewers are responsible to follow in their rating procedures.

REVIEWS

Carmine and Vinny Appice - Drum Wars (DVD) - added - October 21st, 2007

Reviewer: **Ruben Mosqueda**



What happens when two brothers who are world-renowned for their drumming skills battle for the correct pronunciation of their last name? Well, on *Drum Wars* you get just that. Carmine Appice is the older brother he has played with Vanilla Fudge, Cactus, Rod Stewart, Blue Murder, and King Kobra; and then you have the little brother Vinny Appice who cut his teeth on sessions with John Lennon, then Ronnie James Dio's band, and then Black Sabbath (who is now Heaven and Hell). While this entire DVD is a spoof, it has good humor and entertainment value. It's funny as the two brothers call each other out while being interviewed by Francesca Cappucci. Old school WWF wrestlers would be proud! It's not all fun and games as these guys eventually duke it out at The Roxy in Los Angeles in a head-to-head battle for the family name. Who wins? We'll I won't give that away, but in true WWF fashion, there's a twist. The Roxy footage is a drummer's wet dream. There's heavy hitting and percussion pyrotechnics galore. This footage is in the range of 8-10 years old, based on the clothing styles of the people captured on film, but the humor is timeless, good natured in a competitive way. The bonus features are excellent as each brother includes a drum solo from their archives, and there's a new interview with Carmine and Vinny that's conducted by Thunderstruck drummer Stephanie Leigh, who is part of the all female AC/DC tribute band. Leigh surprisingly does a better job than Cappucci (who is a professional journalist). *Drum Wars* is overall a good DVD. The target audience might be limited, but it's worth viewing at least once.

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