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DEAD BOYS – ‘RETURN OF THE LIVING DEAD BOYS’ DVD

This sick, sick DVD documents the night that the original DEAD BOYS reformed for one last show at the Ritz, NYC on Halloween Night 1986...yes, this is a slice of punk rock history...a HUGE slice. An introduction from Joey Ramone sets it all off and the show starts and ends with ‘Sonic Reducer’...yeah, pure fuckin style. It’s raw and gritty and that’s exactly how it should be with the Dead Boys...this is as close as you’re ever going to get to having been there so savour it...a dirty, real NYC and the Dead Boys reunion...what else could you ask for??? It’s a true pleasure to watch, I’ve always had a soft spot for Stiv because he always seemed so out of control yet simultaneously vulnerable and he’s got some serious presence on here. Fantastic 17 track set including (as well as the double Sonic Reducer) ‘Caught With The Meat In Your Mouth’, ‘3rd Generation Nation’, ‘High Tension Wire’, ‘Ain’t Nothing To Do’, ‘Son Of Sam’, ‘I Need Lunch’ and also great covers of Iggy’s ‘Search and Destroy’ and the Rolling Stones ‘Tell Me’.

There’s some seriously cool bonus footage on this DVD too- an absolutely killer interview with Stiv Bators and Frank Secich (with interviewer Gary Cubberly) from the ‘Good Morning Youngstown’ TV show from 1980 where Stiv is cool as fuck and doesn’t even know what decade it is!!! They talk about the Dead Boys break-up and the violent beginnings of the band developing into more musical focus, his girlfriend (1974 Playboy model), the death of disco, John Belushi, the music industry, how punk rock had changed since 1977...it’s a great interview but the icing on the cake is the super rare Robert Luttrell ‘Sonic Reducer’ video in its entirety...excellent stuff. A fantastic package documenting a fantastic and highly important punk rock band, for me, this is what it’s all about.