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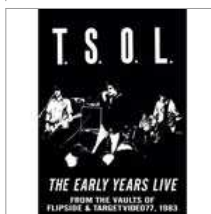
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REVIEWS

T.S.O.L. - The Early Years Live

Punk godfathers early footage finally earns DVD release



Even by the standards of the "average" punk band, if such a thing can be said to exist, TSOLs history is long, dark and convoluted. Formed all the way back in 1979 and with an important role to play in the development of horror-punk, the band passed through a plethora of musical styles, far more line-up changes than were good for anyone (culminating in a bizarre situation where two TSOLs were touring at the same time, one containing most of the original members and the other with the legal rights to the name) and drug problems that would have seen Pete Docherty running away in terror. Along the way they helped Guns 'n' Roses in their early days, and have had songs covered by Slayer among many others.

Who better, then, to be the subject of a new DVD from MVD Visual? "The Early Years Live" collects (as the title indicates) various live footage from around 1983 – fourteen classic tracks include "Code Blue", "Weathered Statues" and "Abolish Government/ Silent Majority" prove their claim to a place in punk history is well-justified. The quality leaves something to be desired, but that's punk rock for you! Additional interviews, a reading from vocalist Jack Grishams' new book from the man himself and some recent footage from a reunion show is included flesh out an impressive package (oo-er missus) which should be of interest to fans, curious parties and punk historians alike, particularly since their relatively underground status still lends them something of an air of mystery.

Personally, I think the cherry on the cake would have been if they could have included their performance from the awesome Penelope Spheeris movie "Suburbia" (featuring a pre-Chili Peppers Flea among others, and later ripped off to a great degree by Russell Crowes' early skinsploitation flick "Romper Stomper", albeit without TSOL) but I guess they couldn't get the rights. Nonetheless, this is an essential guide to understanding this key band in the development of US punk.

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