

DVD REVIEWS



D.O.A.: Men of Action: DVD

Here we have the story of the Vancouver legends D.O.A. told in live footage and music videos spanning the last thirty or so years of their existence. All the classics are here as well as some not-so-classics. Can't say I'm a huge fan of the Let's Wreck the Party-era, though. Oddly, the years 1996-2000 are omitted for some reason. There was some good stuff during that time, too. The vids are great and all, but the real deal is watching it with the commentary with Joe Shithead on. He has some great stories, for sure, but it gets hard to listen to after awhile. This disc is an essential chapter in punk rock history and should be in your collection. It also includes the band's latest release Northern Avenger. It's got a few classic songs, but it's got the Bob Rock overproduction going on. Too bad. Oh yeah, there's a ska song... D.O.A. should not play ska! —Ty Stranglehold (Sudden Death, PO Box 43001 Burnaby BC V5G 3H0, Canada)

Open Your Mouth and Say...Mr. Chi Pig: DVD

This documentary tells the life of SNFU's lead singer Mr. Chi Pig; from his hostile upbringing in Edmonton, Alberta to his present day rock'n'roll existence in Vancouver. Like a punk rock *Behind the Music*, it gives the avid SNFU listener a deeper perspective to the band's dark lyrics and provides someone less familiar an intriguing reason to track down some of their stuff. Before watching this DVD, I didn't know shit about SNFU. I knew they were on Epitaph, and I knew they were Canadian. I think, in the past, I've even confused them with San Francisco's STFU. That's about it. Listening to Chi tell his tales of dealing with schizophrenia, touring, drug addiction, recording music, living on the streets, and much more, has definitely painted a convincing picture of how influential of a band they were. There are bits of live footage, but not as much as I would have liked. Plus the story develops mainly through one-on-one interviews (hence the *Behind the Music* feel), which can get stale, but, overall, it's one heck of a documentary. And letting such an obviously creative person—who has to fight their demons and is still swinging—tell their story is always a worthwhile thing. —Daryl (prairiecoastfilms.com)

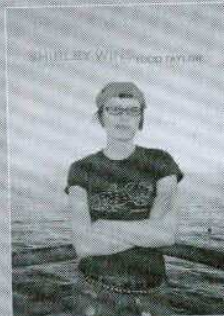
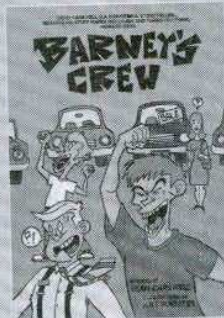
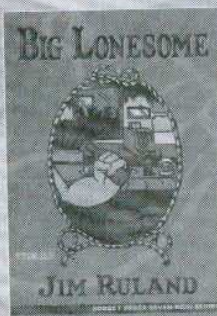
Queers, The: Alive in Hollyweird: CD/DVD

Alive in Hollyweird is a full-length DVD feature of a 2007 Queers show at Safari Sam's with Joe Queer on lead vocals and guitar, Dangerous Dave on bass, and Matt Drastic on drums. The show also features a six-song guest appearance by Danny of The Methadones. The production is flawless. Four cameras, amazing sound (which is also what was mixed down for the CD you get with this puppy) and the entire show from start to finish. The only negative thing I had with this was that—while I love the Queers, especially how they speed everything up live—watching the entire set while at home and not in the audience was kinda boring. The special features include commentaries, lyrics as subtitles (awesome), a live extra from a different show where the Queers sang a song with the lovely Lisa Marr, and a really interesting late-night-hangin'-at-a-restaurant interview with Joe Queer. A must have for die-hard fans. —Mr. Z (queersdvd.com)

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