

DVD Reviews



BLACKMORE'S NIGHT - Castles & Dreams

(SPV)

What's with all this druid shit? Oh, it's Celtic. I'm sorry. Is that Tom the Wizard on lead guitar? Nope, it's Richie Blackmore reaching an all time low. Cartouche..... it's douche. So anyway, you wiccans, I mean druids... ahhhh Celtic..... you wood people, this one's for you. A two DVD set, an excruciatingly LONG two DVD set of Celtic classics fit for the bard or bowel movements. If you're lucky you'll fall asleep by the second track. JV

BOYS BE... -Spring (vol one)

(Right Stuf)

Manga teen angst at its finest. A boy's perspective of first love as imagined by a woman who obviously doesn't have a clue. I mean, come on. Not once did I hear uttered the phrase "nice tits". That being said, it's quality cartoon soap operas for pre-teens. JV



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BOYS BE... - Summer (vol two)

(Right Stuf)

In this second exciting manga installment of boys in the throes of puberty, the young lads discover what it means to have lead in your pencil. Let's hope everything works out by the fall. JV

EUROPE -Live From The Dark

(Music Video Distributors, Inc.)

Two discs. The first is all music and opens with *Got to Have Faith*, then speeds up with *Ready Or Not*. The concert footage has lots of blue lights mesmerized audiences. *Superstitious* has much darker blue lights and John L. swinging around the mic stand. The audience, fists in the air, says Yes they are rocking. Power ballads and dancing around in Converse sneakers singing *America* in London. Nice guitar riffs mock-worshipped by John L. on stage, and John is very sweaty by now. *Wings of Tomorrow* from their 2nd album is a crowd pleaser, which is something these 5 Swedish guys love to do. *Carrie*, a little Zeppelin-ish at times, was a sing-along, but the audience was pretty poor. They tried, though. The second disc has Behind The Tour footage from Holland, the first show of the tour and Europe's first tour since 1992. Ian invites the camera into the shower with him, which is a cute moment. After the cleanup they run a gamut of admiring fans and get back on the bus. We follow them for 24 hours, but unless you are so into these guys that you have pictures of them in your bedroom, it's not that interesting. The next segment has nice footage of London as the boys ride around, and then too much info about the stage being set up. Bunch of Swedes. Then footage of the sound check, clips of the audience waiting excitedly for the show to start. It ends with the Taxi Diaries segment, in black and white; Ian is the most lively, but they're just 5 nice guys so it's actually pretty boring. Stick to the concert footage. KH

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN - A Punk Rock Anthology

(Music Video Distributors, Inc.)

A great anthology with some of the best punk-roots performers doing their Old School best. Dead Boys, Buzzcocks, Sham 69 - and interviews as well as performances by: Johnny Thunders, X-Ray Spex, Vice Squad, and Generation X. From *Sonic Reducer* to *Tell Us the Truth*, either a lot of memories or required viewing, depending on your personal demographic. KH

HIRAX - Thrash 'Til Death

(Black Devil Records)

Are they from New Jersey? If not, then they should be. When I put the DVD in, I was expecting ANTHRAX. My eyes are bad. Speaking of bad, this collection of live performances includes the hit "El Diablo Negro", a show piece for lead vocalist, Katon DePena. The DVD transitions are really cool with all those bloody bones and heart beats. Oooooohhhhhh, scary movie. JV

JONAH MATRANGA - There's A Lot In Here

(Old Records/Equal Vision)

There's a lot in here all right, a lot of CRAP. This was without a doubt the most excruciatingly boring piece of shit I have ever had to review. It's a toss up as to which is worse, the CD or the DVD. Recordings that are split between "Live in a living room in Southern California" and in some club in Anaheim, California (which is also in So Cal) are just begging to be torn apart by this reviewer because basically I have never heard or seen a bigger pile of shit in my life. I could give you, dear reader, a step by step run-through as to what makes this collection so bad but that would place way too much importance on this idiot. Jonah Matranga should get a job as an accountant as he is so adept at boring people! Trust me, only this guy's girlfriend or Mother could sit through this heap of cow dung. - Gurgles The Cat's Rating: 5 Cat Turds

METAL'S DARKSIDE -

The Hard & The Furious Volume 1

(MVD)

Hosted by a fully clothed Jasmin St. Claire (boooooooooo!!!!) and including a touching tribute to Dime Bag Darrell, there's more than enough interview footage here with George "Corpsegrinder" Fisher of CANNIBAL CORPSE. Hey, I got an idea. How 'bout shuttin' your yap and try playin' some music? There's only like 4 videos on this whole friggin' thing. JV

RUSSELL PETERS - Comedy Now!

(CTV)

Pure racist humor in a variety of ratings levels from "G" to "way over the top". Russ can get away with it though because he's just another stupid loser. I mean, he's a person of far eastern Indian descent, so he figures nobody takes him seriously anyway. I really wanted to hate it but I have to admit that there's some funny ass shit on here. JV.