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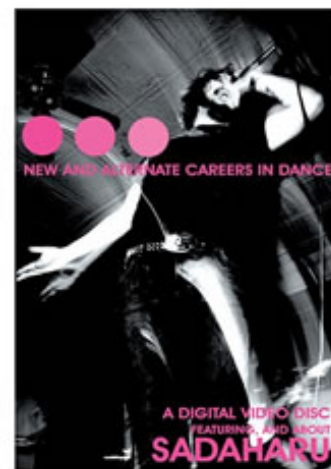
Sadaharu - New and Alternate Adventures in Dance

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Synopsis:

This live show was filmed live on 9/24/04 at the Chameleon Club in Lancaster, PA. Leading Pennsylvania's punk/post hard-core movement, Sadaharu plays stripped down punk, rockabilly, jazz influenced hard-core. With relentless touring and support from Independent's CI records and Universal Warning, Sadaharu remain on the road and stage with The Blood Brothers, The Icarus Line and Shi Hulud. DVD Bonus Footage includes a complete live show from the Pontiac Grille in Philadelphia PA, the "It's Not Paranoia If They Are Shooting Live Bullets" Music Video and "An Afternoon with Sadaharu." Named as one of the Top 100 bands you need to know about in 05 By Alternative Press.



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With a DVD title of "New and Alternate Adventures in Dance" you might expect some kind of happy, fluffy modern pop type performance; however, Sadaharu is anything but friendly or fluffy. Their music is quite hard to classify - I suppose some kind of post-punk, emo-type of lable would be appropriate, but somehow that doesn't seem to fully capture the band or their blend of screaming/screeching vocals and dynamic/energetic music. Regardless of what you would call them, they put on a very enthusiastic concert and their fans seem to really get into it (reciprocating with mosh pits that terrify even from the comfort of my couch).

The included featurette is also a fascinating glimpse into the band, their dynamics and how they craft their unique sound. Despite some technical limitations of the performance itself (i.e. lighting), this is a strong DVD and worth checking out for fans of music and the musicians who craft it.

Video: How's it look?

The picture quality of this performance is good, albeit a bit dark - the detail that's there is clear & sharp, but given that the actual lighting for this concert was so dim and minimal, and then the concert was shot on video (for which the more light the better), the picture quality does suffer as a result.

Audio: How's it sound?

The included Dolby 5.1 mix was actually not as strong as I would've liked - the music sounded good, but the vocals were completely drowned out. (To be fair, I would assume this is more to do with the original recording than the DVD audio mix.)

Extras: What all's on the DVD?

- another live show from the Pontiac Grille (in Philadelphia)
- "It's Not Paranoia If They Are Shooting Live Bullets" music video
- "An Afternoon with Sadaharu" featurette

Closing Thoughts

Wild & frenetic performance from a unique band + a bunch of great extras = solid DVD offering for fans of the band or "post-punk" genre

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