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TV SMITH & THE BORED TEENAGERS

Live At The 100 Club DVD

Rating: 6 stars

TV Smith is a legendary punk frontman who fronted The Adverts back in the 70's, his style is brash, brazen & hard & I guess the best way I could describe him would be that he was a slightly more matured version of Johnny Rotten....his lyrics are articulate yet simple, the music is easy to play, the vibe is hard to imitate...TV Smith has been playing music now for over 30 years & to celebrate The Adverts first show @ The Roxy TV, backed with "The Bored Teenagers" played "Crossing The Red Seas with The Adverts" in it's entirety. The Bored Teenagers are really Los Quattros who TV added as his backing band for the night! The music on this disc is nothing more than loud, catchy 70's style punk rock, there's no overdubs, it looks like the entire show was shot with 3 or 4 camera's total, there's a camera on each side of the stage & one dead center, the show was sold out, the band plays hard, TV pours his heart out in songs like "New Church" & "Drowning Men", the band play each song as if they were their own creation, & "Good Times Are Back" is my personal favorite...it's the nights closer, it's actually the night most "rock n roll" styled song, & for an older guy, TV Smith still has chops...he's got that standard England styled punk voice & to be quite honest with you, when you watch this dvd, you can clearly hear where Green Day were influenced by TV Smith & The Adverts...it's soooo clear that it's not even funny! TV Smith is an underrated, almost obscure figure in the music world, yet he's a punk rock pioneer & continues to tour to this very day...there's some bonus footage on this disc that highlights an unplugged set that TV Smith did recently.....TV plays an acoustic guitar while singing & I thought it really showed what a versatile artist he truly ishe can bash it out with the live, electric band & sound great, OR, he can turn it down, do it solo, unplugged, & do the singer/songwriter thing & still be equally as impressive! This is a great dvd for those who are unfamiliar with TV Smith, he's relatively unknown in the USA, but he's a legend in the England punk scene!

- Bob Suehs