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"In Concert" DVD Review: James Brown Live In Monterey



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Those of us that love music, try to go see our favorite performers live as often as possible, however as is usually the case a variety of factors often get in the way. The two most popular are usually time and money, time because of simply hours in the day or the fact that your favorite performer may have been before your time and not touring any more, and in this tight economy with the ever rising concert ticket prices at most venues, the average music fan in Toronto simply can't afford to go to every show. Here at [examiner.com](#) we've managed to kill 2 birds with one stone, so let's go back to 1979 and get "In Concert" with **James Brown: Body Heat Live In Monterey.**

James Brown: Body Heat Live In Monterey ironically came about from a show he performed in Monterey in 1969 where he announced his intent to retire from regular touring, even though he didn't follow through on that promise until 1975. On the tenth anniversary of that announcement, three television producers convinced him to make a comeback performance. Some unfortunate circumstances forced the footage to be

Video: [James Brown](#)

Rating for James Brown: **Body Heat Live In Monterey:**

locked in the vaults for nearly 12 years before they were ultimately seen, and the results were this outstanding live show from the Godfather of Soul.

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As James Brown passed away several years ago, DVD/Blu-Ray is the only way for any of us to catch this iconic performer. His blend of gospel passion, energetic showmanship with the hard drive force of rhythm & blues made James Brown one of a kind. He jumps in to it immediately with "Get Up Offa That Thing" to get the crowd hyped up, even though we can't see them we know they are jumping. The real example of the showmanship of not only him but his entire band is when he launched in an epic version of "Sex Machine" that lasts 20 unforgettable minutes. I regret never seeing the man himself live, because a James Brown show wasn't a simple concert is was a musical adventure where you never stopped dancing.

The video quality is degraded and honestly isn't the best, but the audio is crystal clear and isn't that what's really important?

James Brown: Body Heat Live In Monterey is a great look back at a musical icon in his prime.

4 out of 5 stars.

James Brown: Body Heat Live In Monterey should be available at record and video stores across our city of Toronto; you can click [here](#) or [here](#) for more details. However, I'd really

recommend an online retailer like [seeofsound.com](#) if you want to pick this gem of a concert up for your collection.

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