

## THE GUESTLIST

### TOASTES

#### Live 2002 - CBGB The Bowery Collection

**MVD Audio** After 25 years in the business, The Toasters are easily one of the most legendary bands of the ska scene and after a 14 year hiatus they returned to the legendary CBGB's stage in 2002 to show just why they are the stuff that legends are made of. MVD Audio was there to capture the show and they now present it to us in its entirety. The Toasters onstage enthusiasm brings the crowd to life as you kick into the album with "Shocker." You can almost see the crowd skankin' right along with the band as the horns blow and the walking bass line commands the song and will make you move as the band introduces themselves to you. As you dive into the album the songs continue to bring a charm that only the Toasters can bring to their live show as they roll into familiar tunes like "Shebeen," "Run Rudy Run," and "2Tone Army," to name a few. Though most of the focus of the songs is on the music itself, making the songs usually top the 4-minute mark, the smoothly delivered vocals of front man Bucket Hingley remain one of the aspects of the band that makes them the Toasters. Hingley has a great onstage presence as is displayed in his ramblings between songs on this live album. He connects with the crowd perfectly and makes them be a part of the show as if it is just himself and a bunch of his old friends gathered together for a party. This is a great look at a Toasters live show without actually being there and seeing it.