



DVD REVIEW

Dead Boys*Return of the Living Dead
Boys: Halloween Night 1986*

MVD Visual (MVDV4665)

Grade: ★★★★★

Led by the outrageous Stiv Bators — his outfit for this Halloween show consisting of a German WWII officer's hat and a shiny black leather jumpsuit — the Dead Boys laid waste to New York City's The Ritz on this night in a frenzied, action-packed reunion performance.

With stage divers flying off the stage from all angles, the Dead Boys plowed through vicious, riff-hungry versions of punk classics like "Sonic Reducer" — played twice — "Ain't

Nothing To Do" and "Caught With the Meat In Your Mouth" with venomous glee. Bumping and grinding their way through "Down In Flames" and the bruising, animalistic "Son Of Sam," the Dead Boys are as nihilistic and violent as advertised.

This is primal, raw, balls-out rock 'n' roll delivered with the Dead Boys' angry, middle-finger salute and a never-ending stream of nasty, yet satisfying, guitar sewage from Cheetah Chrome. And while the film quality isn't sharp and the sound is a little rough, would you really rather a band this edgy and guttural be shot live with pristine clarity?

— Peter Lindblad

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