



AC/DC LIVE





THE RAZORS EDGE

These About To Rock:
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By Don Kaye

Close your eyes and you can see it: a lean, silhouetted figure stands high above a vast stage, bathed in red. It's clad in shorts, a matching waist-length jacket, and ankle-high socks, a guitar slung inconspicuously in its hand. The figure moves effortlessly over the strings, peeling off a single, repeating loop of notes as hypnotic as they are penetrating. The knobby knee bobs up and down as if possessed by a mind all its own. The head pulses in the same rhythm, lank, long, curly hair swirling around it like a dark halo. The rest of the band bleeds in, the singer opens his mouth, and AC/DC is onstage with "Thunderstruck."

It's 1992, fourteen long years since AC/DC released their first live album. If You Want Blood You've Got It was a scolding not that nevertheless found the lads still operating more or less as a bar band. But it was also an essential performance document of the band in its first phase: young Australian toughs fronted by a force of nature known as Bon Scott, a man who could arguably make any venue, no matter how big, feel like the local pub with his intimate

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support and sound, last-call boogie or storytelling.

AC/DC Live, recorded on the band's 1990-91 world tour, was a whole different gambit: this was AC/DC as superstars, one of the most loved and popular hard rock bands in the world, with a clutch of classic albums (at least one, Back in Black, an acknowledged rock masterpiece) under their belts and in guitarist Angus Young, one of heavy music's few or three true icons.

Of course, Bon Scott was long gone, a victim of his own excesses in 1980, his lurid come-lither snarl replaced by the raspy bravado of brawny successor Brian Johnson. The '90-'91 tour featured Chris Slade in the band's engine room, having followed both original drummer Phil Rudd and Simon Wright, but bassist Cliff Williams and, of course, Angus and his brother Malcolm on the guitars, were still in place after a quarter-century, the granite core of this rock'n'roll megastar.

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They've been accused of Satanism, causing drunken violence and full-scale riots, of being low-level degenerates and of making the world's loudest noise for the world's lowest common denominator of slobs and cloth-ears





this same tour, when the band headlined England's hallowed "Monsters Of Rock" festival. Watch the expression on Angus's face as he tortures these scorching leads out of his ass - this is a man possessed by music. In a cluttered world of forgettable, overproduced studio creations and less cutlows, AC/DC was - and still is - every rock the real deal: no-holds-barred rock'n'roll, steeped in blues and soul, yet heavier and more propulsive than nearly any other contemporary hard rock band.

Which brings us back to AC/DC Live. Following the comeback success of *The Razor's Edge* (1990) after a commercial slump in the late Eighties, this second phase of the band's career - as seasoned stadium rockers whose signature hits were already gaining landmark status - demanded its own documentation. AC/DC Live fulfilled that task, while simultaneously offering a recap of the group's entire catalog, one of the deepest in rock. The disc not only gets the second right, but distills everything that works about the

band, from their savage early tunes to their more melodic later output, down to a controlled one-beat explosion. There isn't a fan alive that could find fault with this cat: the endless raging of "Hotus Hotus" leads straight into the frightening back alley world of "Dirty Seeds Don't Dirt Sleep," before getting down to flashier pleasures with "Whole Lotta Rools."

In AC/DC's world, sex is slow, dirty, and fun - all grunting and riling and slapping feet. After sampling the Venetian dimension of Rools, we next marvel at the "American Night" of the unnamed lover in "You Shook Me All Night Long." The band's all-time biggest hit, it also marked a crossroads where the band's original metallic boogie fused with a new sense of melody and harmony, giving them a whole new dynamic that, for all their rough-boy imagery, was eddy, endearing and innocent.

Ironically, it's that innocence, the untainted buzz of pure rock'n'roll, which keeps AC/DC rocking along. Whether you saw them on that '81 tour, or just last year, or have only experienced them through the CD you hold in your hands, there may never be a band who rocks you as hard. AC/DC Live is a testament to that, a foretaste salute to those who are always about to rock.



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THE RAZORS EDGE TOUR



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AC/DC has never been slower than when they're slow. They're slow because it was all in the name, who doesn't want a band that's slow as the snail? Well, you can't get up a snail's pace. That's probably why they've had the biggest rock success in the world. But when they're slow, they're slow.



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ANGUS YOUNG - LEAD GUITAR
MALCOLM YOUNG - RHYTHM GUITAR
BRIAN JOHNSON - VOCALS
CLIFF WILLIAMS - BASS
CHRIS SLADE - DRUMS

1 THUNDERSTRUCK (5:34)

(A. Young/M. Young)

2 SHOOT TO THRILL (5:23)

(A. Young/M. Young/B. Johnson)

3 BACK IN BLACK (4:28)

(A. Young/M. Young/B. Johnson)

4 WHO MADE WHO (5:16)

(A. Young/M. Young/B. Johnson)

5 HEATSEEKER (3:37)

(A. Young/M. Young/B. Johnson)

6 THE JACK (5:06)

(A. Young/M. Young/B. Scott)

7 MONYTTALKS (4:21)

(A. Young/M. Young)

8 HELLS BELLS (5:01)

(A. Young/M. Young/B. Johnson)

**9 DIRTY DEEDS DONE
DIRT CHEAP (5:02)**

(A. Young/M. Young/B. Scott)

10 WHOLE LOTTA ROSE (4:30)

(A. Young/M. Young/B. Scott)

**11 YOU SHOOK ME ALL
NIGHT LONG (3:54)**

(A. Young/M. Young/B. Johnson)

12 HIGHWAY TO HELL (3:53)

(A. Young/M. Young/B. Scott)

13 T.N.T. (3:48)

(A. Young/M. Young/B. Scott)

**14 FOR THOSE ABOUT
TO ROCK (WE SALUTE YOU) (7:58)**

(A. Young/M. Young/B. Johnson)

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Mixed by Mike Rodden

Live: Malcolm Young, Vancouver, Canada

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