

Eagles of Death Metal

Venue: Birmingham Academy

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On our green shores the Eagles haven't quite achieved the success of current super-group du jour The Raconteurs, but across the Atlantic there's quite a buzz about them and rightly so!

I first saw them supporting the Foo Fighters in summer 2006 and when I saw they were touring the UK alone I was sure to get myself a ticket!

Allegedly, they are trying to create a sound that reflects how the Eagles would play death metal, but what you actually get is some humorous, upbeat, fuzzy, scuzzy garage rock, perfectly pitched.

Humour features largely in the Eagles stage show and they make a point of stressing they love the ladies! Playing in England - they made a point of covering certain classics born in our country - such as 'Brown Sugar', which went down a storm. Their first single 'I want you so hard' got a buzzing reception also.

On stage Jesse 'the devil' Hughes cuts quite a character with his giant aviators and bristling moustache - kind of like a Cuban Brother for the American alt-rock scene.

They've impressed crowds on recent support dates with the Strokes with an energy and tightly arranged tunes. Before that they supported the Foo Fighters.

Loud and fun, the Eagles of Death Metal show just what a group of friends and talented musicians can do when they get together and have a laugh.