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# Peter Wolf Tearing It Up on Tour (and on TV)

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You could say that Huffington Post has been solidly behind [Peter Wolf's latest solo album \*Midnight Souvenirs\*](#).

Let's see. Sal Nunziato let you know [it was a killer back in March](#).

Michael Bialis cross-posted his [in-depth profile of Wolf for \*No Depression\*](#) in April.

Jesse Kornbluth raved in May that [Midnight Souvenirs is the CD of the year](#). (Or the digital download of the year, if you prefer your music in ones and twos.)

Sal Nunziato gave his typically rambling, insightful, personal [review of a tremendous concert featuring Wolf and Bettye LaVette in NYC in late May](#) that made you feel like you'd actually been there. (He doesn't review concerts so much as recreate the feeling he had while attending them.) That appeared on his own website, but he's such a HuffPost regular it counts.

I even gave [a shout out to the CD](#) in an unconnected post about another great CD of the year from Sharon Jones.

And why not? It's easily one of the most entertaining, wildly raucous and just plain exciting albums of 2010. (Wolf was a key member of the J. Geils Band and for some reason his solo work has never gained as much attention as that group -- God knows why.)

I was gutted to miss that concert with Wolf and LaVette. But I have been catching him on TV, where Wolf has been incredibly captivating. (Have I used enough positive adverbs for you yet? Buy the CD)

Here he is on David Letterman's show singing "I Don't Wanna Know."

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Tell me that wasn't awesome. It's really hard to give a good performance on TV. And even if you do, the studio audience -- which has spent hours waiting in line and then sat through 50 minutes of talk -- simply isn't primed for a concert, so they rarely respond with energy. But the roof almost came off the place for Wolf. He's playing in Boston with the J. Geils Band for a show, which is so exciting I'd make a road trip if I thought I could get good seats for less than \$1000. I'm not sure why his tour was so abbreviated. It only hit a few cities in May. Here's hoping you'll be smart enough to buy his CD and that will send Geils back out on the road before the end of the year.

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Great review, Michael. Lub me some Peter Wolf. ;) Always great to see his performances.

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I flew from San Francisco to New York to see Peter Wolf and Bettye Lavette at the Highline Ballroom, which was as far west as Wolf's tour was going to go. It was the best show that I have seen in many years. Buy both of their CDs (Bettye Lavette's is entitled "Interpretations: The British Rock Songbook" and features her amazing rendition of Pete Townsend's "Love Reign O'er Me" from the Kennedy Center).

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I saw Peter Wolf at the last stop on his tour, at the State Theater in Fairfax VA (near Washington DC). It was one of the best shows I have ever seen. He was in amazing voice with terrific stage presence--he is truly ageless. And "Midnight Souvenirs" should win the Grammy for Album of the Year. There is not a bad cut on it and some songs are true new classics. People will be listening to that CD in 100 years....

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I don't care if they wobble like a ....  
or talk with a lisp  
I still think I'm a good lover if the dollar bills are crisp.  
And my favorite...I don't care if you got yourself a rash,all I want is your pretty green cash.(Written by Smokey Robinson by the way,not Wolf)  
Peter Wolf---"Take out your false teeth mama,I wanna suck on your gums"

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I don't care if her eyes are red  
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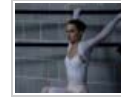


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