



SEVENDUST
Retrospective 2
Asylum Records

Visually, Sevendust's two-disc package, *Retrospective 2*, gives people the opportunity to catch what the band does on the road, in the studio, and wherever else the camera captures them. Six of the nine tracks on the audio disc showcase the band in great-sounding, high-energy live performances, especially on "Deathstar"



and "Beg To Differ." Watching the introspective DVD is what makes ripping the plastic wrap off worth the effort. Hearing each member of the band boast about the acquisition of guitarist Sonny Mayo like he was a first-round draft pick for the Atlanta Falcons is painful, though. Sevendust diehards and power-chord-loving types might think this album is the cat's pajamas, but was it really time for a second retrospective from these guys? Some of us would "beg to differ." Ahh, just what the waning world of nü-metal needs now: a big ol' Southern-sized serving of more nü-metal. Have mercy.

—Charlie Steffens