

PICTURE COVERS – STYLIZED BATS

ASIA & AUSTRALIA

In chronological order by release dates

Stylized Bat No. 1

PC-BTS-AS1 Japan 1977
LP: VILLAGE OF 8 GRAVESTONES
Perf: (Studio Orchestra – Tokyo) (Film Music)
Cond: 芥川也寸志 Yasushi Akutagawa
A. Japanese **LP:** JVC K VX-1001
B. American **LP:** Varèse Sarabande VC 81084
Artist: (B&W)

Notes: The painting-photo collage shows a naked couple standing in an embrace as the woman looks away from her lover. In the black night sky above eight sketched bats fly around erratically. The layout of the Japanese and the American LP covers differed somewhat but this photo collage remained the same.

Ref: Village of 8 Gravestones LP, [Discogs](#)



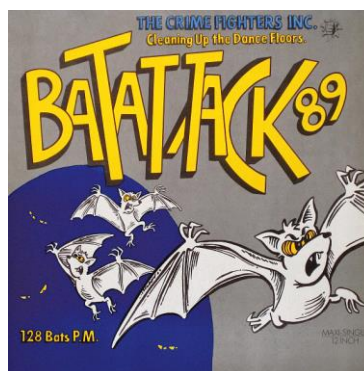
Stylized Bat No. 2

PC-BTS-AS2 Australia 1989
A. Australian Releases:
1. Single **45:** BAT ATTACK '89
RCA Victor 105074
2. 12" Maxi-Single **45:** BAT ATTACK '89
RCA Victor TDS 549
B. British Single **CD:** BAT ATTACK '89
RCA PD 43136
C. German Releases:
1. Single **45:** BAT ATTACK '89
RCA PB 43135
2. 12" Maxi-Single **45:** BAT ATTACK '89
RCA PT 43136
D. Japanese Single **CD:** BAT ATTACK '89
RCA B15D-41085

Perf: The Crime Fighters Inc. (House)

Artist: (Color)

Notes: The bat is pictured as a horror creature, as far from the truth as possible. This cover shows three very angry cartoon bats with yellow eyes



flying around with their mouths open showing their teeth. The one in the right foreground looks especially mad. The back cover of both the single 45 and the maxi-single 45 use the two small bats from the front cover.

Ref: The Crime Fighters Inc., Bat attack '89, [Discogs](#)

Stylized Bat No. 3

PC-BTS-AS3 Japan 1999

CD: BAT CAVE ROCKS

Perf: **バット・ケイヴ** Bat Cave (Hard Rock & Cave Group Names)

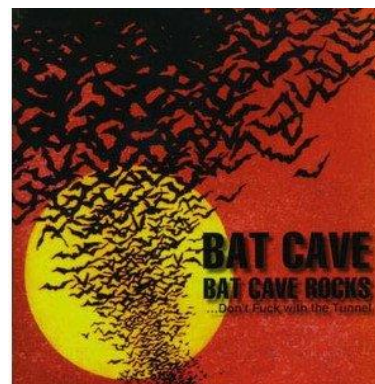
Prod. Co: (?)

Label: Born (?)

Notes: An evening bat flight showing a huge column of black bats flying over into the foreground silhouetted against a yellow setting sun and a bloody red sky.

Ref: Bat Cave, Bat Cave Rocks CD, [shop-pro.jp](#)

Bat Cave, Discography, [batcavejapan](#)



Stylized Bat No. 4

PC-BTS-AS4 Japan 2003

Compilation CD: FIVE YEARS IN THE CAVE

Perf: **バット・ケイヴ** Bat Cave

(Hard Rock & Cave Group Names)

Label: (Japanese) Warner Music Japan RRCA-29015

Label: (Italian) Roadrunner RRCA-29015 (with DVD)

Artist: (Color) (?)

Notes: An elaborate collage featuring a hybrid bat robot with anatomically correct bat wings, a body consisting of diving re-breather gear, and an inverted T-shaped head combining human eyes, lungs, arteries, and whatnot. A real bat appears to be hanging from the ceiling to the left under the upside-down "A" of the word "Bat." Another small bat flies in the bottom right.



This is only the upper half of the foldout cover illustration of liner notes booklet. The bottom half shows a collage of the ribs of a human skeleton, an enchained human heart, a rocky mountainside with a cave entrance in the shape of a female sex organ, and a spider atop a green science fiction blob with long mauve wings. A stylized clasped hands motif completes the collage. Red drops of blood drip from the upper portion's ceiling and also from the fold of the liner notes.

The inside pages of the 12-page liner notes all have the anatomically correct bat wings joined by the stylized clasped hands motif.

The back cover has a profile of Jibi (?), the singer of the band using the re-breather mask and growing the anatomically correct bat wings. The inner tray card underneath the CD and DVD hinged plastic holder is the real bat again (a mad rousette) hanging from the cave ceiling where several drops of black blood hang down.

Ref: Bat Cave, Discography, batcavejapan

Bat Cave, Five Years in the Cave CD, amazon.co.jp

Bat Cave, Five Years in the Cave CD, suruga-ya.jp

Bat Cave, Five Years in the Cave, Roadrunner CD, tower.jp

caveinspiredmusic.com