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# History of The Kinks told through interviews and songs on new DVD

As one of the most seminal rock n' roll bands in history, The Kinks certainly need no introduction. Even so, there's plenty to learn about these British Invasion innovators across the DVD *You Really Got Me: The Story of The Kinks* (Voiceprint). Divided into specific chapters spanning each era, the documentary starts out with brothers Ray and Dave Davies dreaming of stardom, followed by their rapid rise to fame thanks to smash singles like "You Really Got Me" and "All Day and All of the Night," not to mention an R&B-inspired garage rock sound that continues to influence newcomers to this day.

Though the group dipped in popularity as styles changes throughout the 1970s, the '80s found The Kinks earning a commercial resurgence, as chronicled during the compelling "Stadium Days" segment. And despite a break-up in 1996, there's still plenty to talk about relating to the group's impact on the Brit-pop, punk and alternative rock scenes of future generations, an observation that closes out this collection in a reverent and respectful manner. Even if the narrator has odd annunciations and leans towards rambling at times, there are still plenty of live performances and interviews with the main players to accurately covey the band's lengthy lineage.

-Andy Argyrakis

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