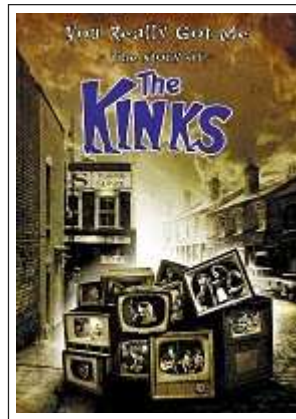




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You Really Got Me: The Story of The Kinks DVD Review

If there is any band deserving of a good documentary, it's The Kinks. Their following in the States has always been lackluster at best, especially in comparison to their talent. They had several hits which made them household names in the 60s, but nothing that was able to transcend pop culture in the same fashion as The Beatles or the Rolling Stones.



You Really Got Me: The Story of The Kinks is hardly "the story of The Kinks." This film reminds me of awful high school reports I would create last minute; I would use a minimal amount of facts, and in order to meet the page count requirements I would toss in large graphs or pictures. The narration in this film is very thin. What this film really is, is a montage of various live performances, music videos and snippets of songs that appear to be lumped together without much thought. It jumps from performance to performance with the occasional fact mentioned so there is some semblance of a transition.

If you're a Kinks fan - which I would presume is the only reason you would have any interest in this documentary - you will probably come away learning nothing new about the band. As a documentary, *You Really Got Me* is abysmal, but as a hodgepodge of live performances and music videos, it's passable. It's a shame because as a band, I would take The Kinks over the Stones any day.

Grade: D

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 musicobsessive said...


What a shame! As you say, they deserve better than that. Unfortunately it is the big name bands that attract this sort of substandard product as the name alone will always sell it.

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 Jeff said...

musicobsessive - I was pretty excited for this documentary because I consider myself a Kinks fan, but I don't know too much about their background. I thought I was going to take a lot away from this film, but instead I was extremely disappointed by the lack of information.

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 Dan said...

The Kinks were more influential to later bands than either the Beatles or The Rolling Stones. Ray and Dave Davies were the quintessential music makers blending all styles of music into a unique blend of rhythm and blues and rock and roll.

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 bob_vinyl said...

Dan, I agree about them being more influential than the Stones, but not the Beatles. The Beatles just changed too many facets of music, unlike anyone before or since. I would, however, put the Kinks up there very near to the Who as defining rock bands.

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