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### DVD Review - You Really Got Me, The Story Of The Kinks

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By Martin Hutchinson »

BIOGRAPHICAL DVD's abound, yet there are very few about The Kinks and as I prepared to watch this, I was anticipating a good history of one of the top bands in music.

I have to say that I was disappointed.

The band's history is well-documented in books, but on this 87-minute programme, the facts and figures are sadly short on substance.

Having said that, there is a lot of rare footage which is in remarkably good condition (in fact the excerpts of the band's videos from the eighties are not as good quality-wise.

Old black and white footage from an old NME Poll Winners' Party is included and there are excerpts from many of the band's hits.

However, the mid-sixties are mainly skipped over; no doubt due to the fact that this is an American production and The Kinks were persona non grata in the US from 1965 - 1969.

Many of the songs are cut short: 33 seconds of 'Waterloo Sunset' and even less of 'Sunny Afternoon', and only 17 seconds of 'Sleepwalker'.

The voice-over is repetitive and some of the clips are culled from other TV recordings with captions.

Compleatist Kinks' fans will find it of interest, and the rare footage makes it just about worth-while.

The Kinks' are and are one of the greatest bands in musical history, and whilst this DVD history is a good idea, they deserve better.

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