



The recent BBC homage to Ronnie Laine once again confirmed the almighty musical influence of this gentleman and The Small Faces. The 60's mod movement will always be identified with a collection of British acts, and at the upper reaches of this prestigious list will be London lads, The Small Faces-and, their story has now been applied to DVD via the gripping 'Under Review' release on Chrome Dreams.

This visual treat welds rare, live, studio and small screen appearances, as well as analysis of the 'Itchycoo Park' set from an esteemed panel of experts, including John Hellier and Paolo Hewitt (who have written well received biographies on The Small Faces and their vocalist Steve Marriott respectively).

An important age in the development of rock music (especially in the UK) is brought to life several decades down the road. Your lives will be all the richer for this appreciation of a quirky quartet who stamped an indelible mark on pop culture with an always evolving brand of music that treads both the paths of commerciality and experimentation.

In a short career spanning 1965-68, The Small Faces incorporated R 'n' B, vaudeville, psychedelia and rock, and then coated it with bags of Cockney charm and controversy. A calculation of their long term respect can be assessed by those who came out for a tribute concert to lead singer Steve Marriott after he tragically passed on in 1991. This stellar list included Paul Weller, Noel Gallagher, Midge Ure, and Peter Frampton (Small Faces, Kenny Jones and Ian Maclagan were also present).

A black and white world comes to colour via the stellar skills of The Small Faces, and it is such a shame that the sadly deceased Messrs. Laine and Marriott are not with us to appreciate the aural achievements of this pristine product.

The benefit of additional features to 'The Small Faces-Under Review' only enhances the already enticing appeal of a dynamic DVD. Such class will never die, and thanks to the wonders of technology new generations can now savour upon the delights of a great band playing a central role in an exciting era of rapid change. Perfect viewing for a 'Lazy Sunday' afternoon!

Go to www.mvd2b.com