

The Zombies: Featuring Colin Blunstone & Rod Argent

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This album is a gift ... pure joy. Recorded in January 2011 live in studio for 120 lucky guests, it really showcases the strength and quality of The Zombies catalog released over nearly 50 years.

Originally formed in 1961, the band weathered the storm of a fickle music industry and a recorded output of only three albums between 1965 and 1968. They went on hiatus until 1991 when several of the members reunited. In 1997, the original quintet reformed for live shows and a promise of a new start. It was not to be. Original guitarist Paul Atkinson later died and the members regrouped in various iterations until founding members Colin Blunstone (vocals) and Rod Argent (keyboards/primary songwriter) began touring under The Zombie name again in 2004. The four surviving members came together in 2008 to perform their landmark (and highly underrated) album *Odessey & Oracle*. The band, featuring Blunstone and Argent, continues to tour.

Now, with this performance, the band pulls heavily from their early days and even dips into Rod Argent's post-Zombie band's (Argent) songlist, and for good measure.

Of course, the band takes a turn at a few chosen gems from the phenomenal *Odessey & Oracle* (#80 on Rolling Stone Magazine's list of 500 greatest albums of all time. Five songs in the middle section of the set are dedicated to the album. In addition, you have timeless classics like "She's Not There," "Tell Her No," "Say You Don't Mind," and "Summertime."

Add to that a DVD of the performance and you've really got something special.

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