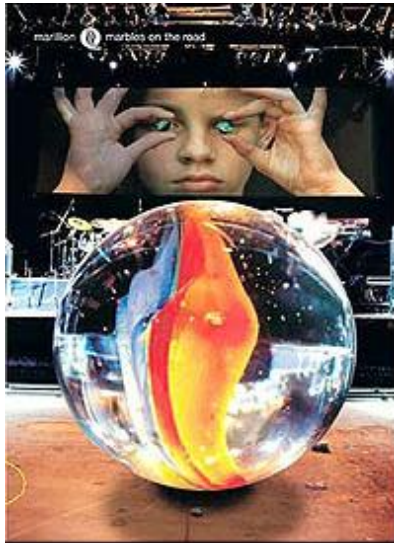


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Marillion... now that's a band that I haven't heard from in a loooooong time.; I think it was when former lead singer Fish left the band and current vocalist Steve Hogarth replaced him for their disappointing "Seasons End" album when I last heard them. The time gap from me listening to them to the present is not due to lack of recording, in fact they put out seven albums in this time. Of course I was unaware of their musical journeys because we Americans are so wishy washy in taste for music that truly talented bands never get the recognition they deserve and Marillion is one of those bands.

Since I haven't heard from them in well over 15 years I had no idea what to expect from the band that I once loved; I mean "Misplaced Childhood" has got to be in my top 50 favorite CD's of all time and probably one of my most memorable concerts. When I received the "Marbles on the Road" DVD in the mail I was pleasantly surprised and definitely curious as to what these guys sound like today. Recorded over two nights in July of 2004 at the Astoria in London to a sell out audience, this disc features well over an hour and a half of concert footage of the entire "Marbles" CD, which is quickly being recognized as their most notable efforts in years. Of course I was completely oblivious to all of the songs since I hadn't heard the CD before, but let me tell you, after viewing this DVD a few times I can proudly say I am a fan once again. Some songs that stand out are the first single "You're Gone", "The Damage" and "Fantastic Place". Of course the songs "Between You and Me" from the "Holidays in Eden" CD and the one song I did know, "Uninvited Guest" from Seasons End are song that I really enjoy and find Hogarth and co. at their best.

In conclusion "Marbles on the Road" is a great DVD! If you are/were a Marillion fan, then I would encourage you to check this DVD out, and if you are like me your passion for the band will be re-ignited. The video footage is outstanding, the sound quality is top notch and the band is sounding better than they ever have.

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