

Happy Mondays - Live in Barcelona (CD, Music Video Distributors)

This professionally prepared DVD is a total concert experience. The main segment begins with shots featuring chats with some of the fans outside the venue before following the band members as they make their way into the concert hall. The folks in **Happy Mondays** take the stage and immediately begin to drive the audience into a feverish dance frenzy. Filmed live in Barcelona, Spain, this was obviously an "on" night for the band as well as the fans. There's an overall cool vibe going on and this transfers well onto this disc. The band plays eleven peppy tunes underneath colorful rays of light. The players in this band are incredibly tight...creating hypnotic grooves that are hard to resist. The weakest link in this band, however, seems to be...the lead vocalist (!). The man tends to slur his voice, never seeming to care whether he is on key or not. This may be hip and cool to some folks....but when you listen to the rest of the band, in our opinion this man's vocals just don't hold up. As such, this may be of interest only to folks who are already fans of Happy Mondays...? (Rating: 4)



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