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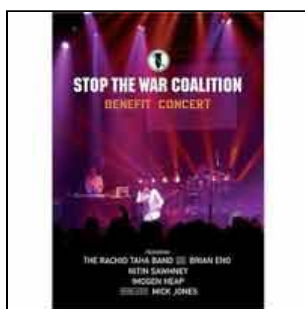
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Stop The War Coalition Benefit Concert

Feat; Imogen Heap, Brian Eno & Rachid Taha Band...

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A stonker of a DVD packed with politics, music, collaboration and innovation.

The Astoria is host to yet another gig that'll go down as legendary. Stop the War Coalition is an anti war group based in the UK which was set up in response to the events of 9/11. Campaigning against the wars that are supposedly part of the war on terrorism, including Afghanistan, and the invasion of Iraq, they put on this gig to raise awareness and support for what they believe in.

The gig starts with a passionate explanation about what the current situation is, providing interesting and enlightening facts and revelations amongst all the lies the government is feeding us. Sobering facts come out such as 100 000 Iraqi are dead, 2000 US troops, and 98 UK troops, with rising casualties and increasing disaster. An inspiring speech from Brian Eno prompts a punter to shout "be a politician Brian!" to which he replies "no please, I've had a relatively happy life so far". He makes a point that with the \$2 billion (at least) that's been spent on the war so far, malaria could be eradicaded. \$2 billion could change a lot of people's lives, in a far more positive way than it already has.

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With this food for thought, Imogen Heap takes to the stage and plays the hauntingly beautiful "The Moment I Said It", a melange of technology and acoustic sounds. The groundbreaking Nitin Sawney follows, joined by Brian Eno, who play 3 songs together, of complete inspiration, bathing our minds in heaven and our ears in bliss.

Rachid Taha Band with Brian Eno then go on to play a whole set of strong beats and rhythms, a heady mix of styles and influences. The usually sweat-soaked Astoria has probably never experienced such an invasion of interesting musicians and instruments. Every song is rather perfect and this is a DVD to be watched again and again, inspiring some amazing music to be created, and to just get out there, and bring the troops home.

By **Katie Probert**

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