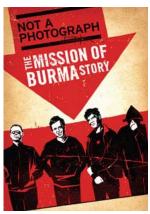
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Mission of Burma, Not a Photograph: The Mission of Burma Story

Mission of Burma is a post-punk band that was active between 1979 and 1983. The band only released an EP, <u>Signals, Calls and Marches</u>, and an album, <u>Vs.</u> They were anyway an important influence for bands like the **Pixies** and <u>Nirvana</u>. The band decided to reunite 19 years later to play a couple of concerts, before reforming full time and recording 2 albums, <u>ONoffON</u> in 2004 and <u>The Obliterati</u> in 2006. This DVD presents us the story of the band from its creation to its ending due to the guitarist **Roger Miller** hearing problems. We can also discover their return on stage in 2002 and the recording of their first album in more than 20 years. The 70 minute documentary includes commentaries by each of the band members, friends, family, musicians that were inspired by their music and music critics. The production of the DVD is particularly well done with the integration of many music sequences from the years before the band was formed until now. We can also see performances from a couple of concerts of 2002, as well as in the studio. All the live performances we can see in the documentary are also available in their entirety in the bonus section of the DVD. I have to admit I didn't know the Mission of Burma music very well, but the DVD gives us the opportunity to discover the band. At the end, I think it's most of all an album for the fans of the band who will have on hand the complete story of their favorite band.







Europe, The Final Countdown Tour 1986 – Live in Sweden

In 1986, the hard rock band from Sweden Europe reached fame all around the world thanks to the album *The Final Countdown* and its title-song. Other singles from the album like "Rock the Night", "Cherokee" and the ballad "Carrie" also got big airplay. The band was immediately compared to **Bon Jovi** and **Def Leppard**, other very famous bands from that era, but Europe didn't survive to the 90's. We heard about a comeback by the band in 2004 (and I don't care at all about it), but most of all they just released this DVD. It was captured in their own country during the world tour of 1986, 20 years ago. The greatest hits of their career are in fact in this one hour concert which is great visually, in widescreen format. Otherwise, the sound is not very good, despite the possibility we have to listen to it in 5.1 surround sound. In bonus to the concert, we can hear interviews with the band from this year, a visit at the studio where they recorded *The Final Countdown* album, a gallery of photos and a biography. This DVD is a good way to bring you back into the heart of the 80's, an era in which the hair was more important than the creativity in rock music. For the ones who could be interested, the band also released recently a new album, *Secret Society*.

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Other new findings:

Oasis, Stop the Clocks (2 CD)

The best of the British band Oasis on 2 discs. They are all included, except it only lasts 86 minutes on 2 CDs which could have been cut to fill 1 CD or better, they could have added rarities and live tracks to complete the 2 discs.



Our Lady Peace, A Decade

An excellent compilation of the 16 greatest hits of the Canadian band, plus 2 previously unreleased tracks, "Kiss on the Mouth" and a demo version of "Better than Here". There is only a proper booklet missing to make it the perfect anthology.



Def Leppard, Hysteria (2 CD Deluxe Edition)

New edition of the 1987 album by Def Leppard, the best of their career. The 12 tracks of the album were remastered and they added b-sides (5 in studio and 5 in concert including a medley with covers), plus 5 remixes of tracks from the album. The box set also contains a beautiful 30 page detailed booklet. An excellent way to rediscover this British hard rock band when it was on top of its career.



Poxy, Artificial Pleasures (2004)

After the end of the band **Caféïne**, **Xavier Caféïne** came back with this band and this album in english only. A very good album in the pop punk garage genre.



Groove Armada, The Best of (2004)

The best of the British techno/house/trip hop duo Groove Armada. This is a full CD that is offered, even if the tracks are not presented chronologically. We can hear among others the mega hit "I See You Baby" presented here in its most famous version, the one remixed by **Fat Boy Slim**.



Toto, The Essential Toto (2003)

A collection of the greatest hits by the pop rock band Toto which most of all had success in the early 80's. With