

## REVIEW SCALE

- 5 – The album is excellent, it could also be considered perfect or near perfect. There may be a few glitches or setbacks, but they are not detrimental.
- 4 – The album is very good. There aren't too many glitches or setbacks but the ones that are present keep the album from being excellent.
- 3 – The album is mediocre. While the album is alright, there isn't anything that makes it stand out above other albums. Some of it is good, and some of it needs work.
- 2 – The album is bad. Many things have gone wrong, and unless it happens to be within your personal favorite genre, chances are it's not even worth your time. The band has a lot to work on.
- 1 – The album is terrible. The album isn't worth your time, no exceptions.

Note: Be aware that in November 2004 the grading scale was revised to how it is shown above in order to maintain more consistencies between our reviewers. Many of the reviews in our Archive may include ½ marks and ¼ marks and please be aware that the ratings at that time were also more open to our reviewers' interpretations of the rating scale, as opposed to this now absolute grading scale which our reviewers are responsible to follow in their rating procedures.

## REVIEWS

Europe – Final Countdown Tour: Live in Sweden 1986 - added - December 12th, 2006

Reviewer: [Ruben Mosqueda](#)

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It's been 20 years since Europe had their worldwide hit album *The Final Countdown*, which in it's heyday was great song and a popular album. So commemorate the anniversary Europe have issued a 1986 live performance DVD, where they open with what else but "The Final Countdown" and close the set 60 minutes later with what else but "The Final Countdown?!" Seemed like a good idea at the time I'm sure, but upon further review I'm sure Europe themselves would nix the idea today. Joey Tempest is having a great time with the home town crowd doing his choreographed stage moves and showing off his pearly whites, while John Norum displays his abilities as he shreds the night away. Does the material stand the test of time? Sadly no, it sounds very dated, it sounds like well, material from the 80's. The DVD footage overall is average by today's standards but for it's time was flashy and slick. The song that does stand out on this particular DVD is "Dance the Night Away," which sounds to me like a Deep Purple influenced rocker that should have been a rock radio staple. This is Europe in their infancy, they had a hit album, but they are still in a developmental stage and I'm not moved at all by the performance. The DVD extras include recent band footage of them reliving the performance and the glory days of the 80's more specifically *The Final Countdown*. *Final Countdown Tour: Live in Sweden 1986* is a DVD for the Europe diehards or completists.

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