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QUEEN



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Queen is a British pop rock band which had a quite unique career, out of any musical movement. These 2 documentaries gathered present the whole career of the group thanks to the opinion of musical experts and friends of the members of the band. It's in fact regrouping 2 DVDs released originally in 2004 and 2005, Magic Moments (more than 60 minutes) and Under Review 1973-1980 (more than 100 minutes). Personally, I especially appreciated the second one since it makes an excellent summary of the quartet in the 70's. It reviews each album one by one including the most important singles released and presenting footage of those tracks (videos or live footage). They detail some songs presenting the way of playing guitar of **Brian May** and explaining how he managed to create this completely single sound that we know of him. On *Magic Moments* on the other hand, they only make an overview of the whole career of the band and concentrate more on the personal life of the guys (even a little bit too much), particularly that of Freddie Mercury. Its most important negative aspect is that it doesn't contain any music of Queen, which can be very aggravating. For example, they talk for several minutes about "Bohemian Rhapsody" and what we hear in the background is unspecified music which is only a little bit similar to the music of Queen. Perhaps you will find interesting elements anyway, but in any event, the DVD <u>Under Review 1973-1980</u> is worth the cost of the box set to itself. You can also get the DVD entitled *Under Review 1980-1991* which I will write about next month.

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