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1822 - Phil Manzanera - Live @ Hull (1977)(2009)



PHIL MANZANERA

"LIVE @ HULL" AUG 11, 2009 1976

REVIEW

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Fans of the original 801 Live album will know and love the songs found here. This was recorded during the famous 1977 tour and features a number of songs found on that classic recording. Of course, Eno is not here and the same excitement and tight playing are not found. However, this is still a very good album. Manzanera released this in 2000 as part of his Archive Series and intended it for fans or collectors. However, this album is a great example of late-'70s prog/art rock. Yes, the long-drawn-out guitar solos are here, but these are interesting, melodic solos; they fit the songs and actually add a great deal. The music is a great cross section of Manzanera's pre-1977 history. Roxy Music is represented here, with a blistering version of "Out of the Blue" featuring Eddie Jobson that is brilliant, with a great violin solo and wonderful arrangements. Also here is some of Manzanera's best solo material, including the brilliant "Diamond Head." Also worth note is the 801 take on "Tomorrow Never Knows" (known here as "TNK"), sounding eerie and frightening with atmospheric vocals. The sound quality is not the best, but it is lacking the typical overdubs so often found on live recordings, and for that reason it is worth extra points. This really is a treasure for Manzanera fans, but others might find something of interest here as well.

^{1.} Lagrima Manzanera 1:46

^{2.} T.N.K (Tomorrow Never Knows) Lennon, McCartney 5:54

^{3.} Flight 19 Manzanera, I. MacCormick 5:51

^{4.} Listen Now Manzanera, I. & W. MacCormick 8:52

- 5. Law and Order Manzanera, W. MacCormick 4:13
- 6. City of Light Manzanera, W. MacCormick 11:19
- 7. Initial Speed Manzanera 5:18
- 8. That Falling Feeling Manzanera, I. MacCormick 4:53
- 9. Without Your Love Manzanera, Nicholls 2:48
- 10. Diamond Head Phil Manzanera 6:26
- 11. Out of the Blue Ferry, Manzanera 8:00
- 12. Remote Control Ian & Bill MacCormick 6:31
- 13. Miss Shapiro Manzanera, Eno 3:34
- 14. You Really Got Me Ray Davies 2:57