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DVD Review: Glenn Tilbrook and the Fluffers - Live in New York City

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I enjoy going to concerts. I've been to many shows in stadiums, arenas, and amphitheatres, but I so prefer an event in a smaller venue. Times have changed regarding reasonably priced concert tickets and unless you have bags of money dripping from your pockets you're not getting too close to the performers at arenas or stadiums. When it comes to the clubs all it takes is arriving early, getting to a spot on the floor, standing in place like a sardine for several hours, watching potentially miserable opening acts, and then you can truly experience the energy from the stage. Then again you can always buy a DVD of your favorite performer.

Glenn Tilbrook (of Squeeze) is not an act that I'm intimately familiar. Sure, I know several of Squeeze's hits; namely "Tempted" and "Pulling Mussels from the Shell". Coming from a non-fan of the band I can say this is an outstanding performance. I can't stress enough how important energy is to a live performance. I've been at shows where the performers just don't seem to care, but could you imagine a DVD where the band is going through the motions? Mr. Tilbrook and his band, the awesomely named Fluffers, are energetic and talented musicians. This is as much fun to watch as it to listen to.

I'm only familiar with a few of the songs in the 16-song setlist, but nine songs are culled from the Squeeze era while the balance is from Tilbrook's solo efforts. The entire set is very up-tempo and there are no slow points, even for someone listening to the majority of the songs for the first time. I did find it disappointing the aforementioned mussel-pulling ditty was not featured, but what are you gonna do.

The show ends with Glenn and the Fluffers moving through the crowd with their instruments, climbing onto the bar and jamming out most of the encore sans microphone. This started out looking like a debacle, but the crowd upped the wattage singing along to the vocals. A lot of people are annoyed by live music and its variations, but I find a crowd singing a song with the band one of the coolest possible versions of a song, so color me impressed.

Parting Bits and Pieces

I'm not an audiophile, but the DVD looks and sounds good to my ear. The only extra is a short five-minute behind the scenes featurette that shows preparation for the event. It's not eye-opening, but it's an entertaining little piece mainly using interview footage of Tilbrook. The disc suffers from a lack of features and a very trim set running just over 70 minutes. Shortness is my only peeve, though, as this is a fun performance piece.

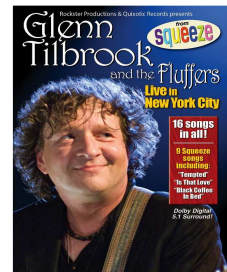
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