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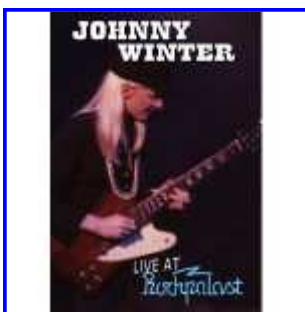
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# Johnny Winter – Live At Rockpalast DVD Review

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Johnny Winter was 35 years old in 1979 when he appeared on Germany's famous Rockpalast TV show, which we see on the DVD Johnny Winter – Live At Rockpalast, released by MVD Visual on July 26, 2011. Here he delivers heartfelt blues as only an international rock star (who'd sung at Woodstock and already had many celebrated albums to his

name) could. Here too his bassist Jon Paris and drummer Bobby T. Torello are perfectly attune to his work.

Rockpalast means “Rock Palace,” and Johnny performed for a large audience in Essen, Germany. Winter wanted to show his love of the blues that had gripped him in the 50s and 60s before he was a rock star. On this DVD he starts with Hideaway (made famous by Freddy King) and then goes on to his raucous rendition of Messin’ With The Kid, along with the soulful Walking By Myself, which was written by music great Jimmy Rogers (“I love my baby – even if she doesn’t love me”). “You’ve gotta remember that if it wasn’t for the blues, there wouldn’t be no rock and roll,” Johnny tells the audience.

Along with the release of this DVD, the first figure in the Guitar God series – Johnny Winter himself – stands 7 inches tall and is made of lightweight poly resin. If you push a button you can hear Johnny Winter yell Rock N Roll! A limited edition, only 1500 of these figures will be sold to the public.

Winter, a Texan, was watched performing with his Gibson Firebrand by millions across Europe on that April night’s broadcast in 1979 on Rockpalast. His version of Willie Brown’s Mississippi Blues lasts 17 minutes and he plays a bass (while his bassist Jon Paris picks up the guitar) on I’m Ready and Rockabilly Blues. Suzie Q. contains lots of improvisation. A long medley begins with Robert Johnson’s Stone In My Passing, and Johnny Winter ends with the ever-popular Rolling Stones rock song Jumpin’ Jack Flash.

What is Johnny Winter’s appeal? Winter has a rock-blues style all his own that’s immediately recognizable, a happy and affable stage presence that makes the audience feel good, and a rip-roaring voice (not to mention his incredible guitar-playing abilities). Fluid and carefree, the vast amount of discipline and work required to play the way he does never shows overtly. For a rollicking good time with a unique performer and a both feisty and friendly guy, watch this DVD! Johnny Winter loves what he’s doing, and in turn, you’ll love it too.

Total Running Time: 90 minutes

Song Tracklist:

1. Hideaway
2. Messing With The Kid
3. Walking By Myself
4. Divin’ Duck
5. Suzie Q.
6. I’m Ready
7. Rockabilly Blues
8. Medley
9. Jumpin’ Jack Flash

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