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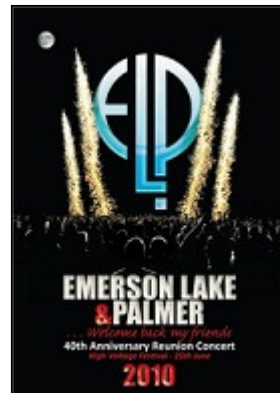
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Emerson Lake & Palmer: 40th Anniversary Reunion Concert (Blu-ray)

Playing together for the first time since their 1998 tour, ELP took to the stage at the July 25th 2010 High Voltage Festival and played a nostalgic (and fairly predictable) set in front of thousands of rabid fans. Captured in high-definition and presented on crystal clear Blu-ray, the folks at MVD have delivered this show in all its glory.



Despite some rough going at the outset during "Karn Evil 9" and "The Barbarian" (the band look under-rehearsed and not as tight as we've seen them in the past, with Emerson noticeably making a few mistakes and seeming to have a hard time keeping up), the band soon settles in and delivers a high energy set that thrills the crowd with a host of classic songs. "Knife Edge" and "Touch and Go" show the trio at their hard hitting best, with "Bitches Crystal", "Take a Pebble", and "Pictures at an Exhibition" providing for the more atmospheric moments and longer, melodic arrangements. A much heavier Greg Lake pulls out the acoustic guitar for the staples "From the Beginning" and "Lucky Man", while the rousing finale "Fanfare for the Common Man/Drum Solo/Rondo" sees the band offer up plenty of theatrics just like they did back in the early 1970's.

The video here is superb (though you really can notice just how much these three musicians have aged) and the sound excellent. As there is no way to tell if this performance might have been the last for the legendary ELP, if you

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didn't make it over to England for 2010's High Voltage Festival, you'll want to pick this Blu-ray up and savor the show over and over again.

Track Listing

1. Karn Evil 9-1st Impression-Part 2
2. The Barbarian
3. Bitches Crystal
4. Knife Edge
5. From the Beginning
6. Touch and Go
7. Take a Pebble/Piano Solo/Tarkus
8. Farewell to Arms
9. Lucky Man
10. Pictures at an Exhibition
11. Fanfare for the Common Man/Drum Solo/Rondo

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Reviewer: **Pete Pardo**

Score: ★★★★★

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