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"In Concert" DVD review: Emerson, Lake & Palmer...Welcome back my friends



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As the outdoor festival concert season has pretty much come to a close here in the city of Toronto, it doesn't mean we still can't watch some festival concerts. Out this month from our friends at MVD visual on this edition of "In Concert" we get to take a look at the 40th anniversary reunion concert that took place at the High Voltage Festival in July of 2010 for one of the most influential prog rock bands of all time. Get comfortable because it is time for "Emerson, Lake & Palmer...Welcome back my friends"

Emerson, Lake & Palmer; also known as ELP are an English progressive rock super group, who originally came together out of other groups such as The Nice & King Crimson. They found success in the 1970s and sold over forty million albums, headlining large stadium concerts across the planet with their unique blend of classical pieces with rock music. This legendary band reunited to celebrate their 40th Anniversary and headlined London's first High Voltage Rock Festival. This was an historic moment as Emerson Lake and Palmer hadn't

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performed together since 1998. With extravagant special effects and lighting, the magic and musical genius of Keith Emerson, Greg Lake and Carl Palmer as they performed their greatest hits in front of thousands of fans was recaptured leaving a lasting memory for all to enjoy.

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It really is a testament to professional musicians and performers, who can get back on stage like it was riding a bike, because these three legends don't sound like they have missed a beat. Shot in glorious high definition video these 3 rock icons may be a little long in the tooth, but they certainly don't sound like it as everything sound crisp and beautiful. In a tight 90 minute set there isn't a lot of extraneous banter they just play the hits like 'The Barbarian', 'Bitches Crystal' and 'Lucky Man' among many others. What few crowd shots we got at the High Voltage Festival showed that everyone there was simply transfixed and in awe of the power of the music.

Along with the actual show, is a 30 minute documentary chronicling the build up to the reunion concert.

At the end of the day, fans of ELP have been welcomed back with open arms by "Emerson, Lake & Palmer...Welcome back my friends" and it's worth a place on any prog rock fans shelf.

4 out of 5 stars.

"Emerson, Lake & Palmer...Welcome back my friends" is available at record stores and video stores across Toronto. Click [here](#) and [here](#) for a list of some of the finer stores around

town. Ultimately though I'd try an online retailer like seeofsound.com if you want to pick this up.

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