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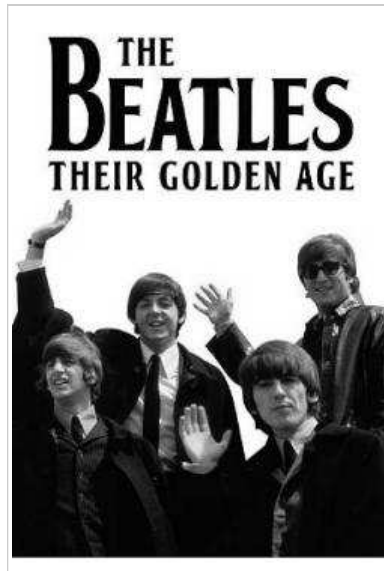
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The Beatles Their Golden Age



Wienerworld
R/T 60mins

The year 2012 is the beginning of the Beatles 50th anniversary celebrations.

This new Dvd from Wienerworld is among the first in what I'm sure will be numerous releases leading up to the October anniversary of Love Me Do.

So is it possible to cram 50 years of the Beatles into 60 minutes?

The Beatles Their Golden Age begins with scenes of Beatlemania in New York City, Denmark, Paris, London & Liverpool and with commentary by host & executive producer Les Krantz it fairly rattles through the Beatles years stopping briefly using film from Beatles press conferences, feature films, film trailers, and newsreels.

It a shame that the dvd can't feature original Beatles songs as there's some quite good Beatles footage here including the Beatles Come to Town, Paris Olympia and the above mentioned Beatles films.

We travel the world with the Beatles taking in Jimmy Nicol in Denmark then it's off to Australia, New Zealand, Sweden, the USA & ofcourse the UK.

The short clip of the Beatles in Sweden is a particular highlight where John Lennon is being interviewed about his book In His Own Write and begins to read the poem 'Good Dog Nigel'. George Harrison appears next to John protesting saying, No, no, no, this ones better and rips out pages from the book, leaving a bemused John speechless.

Another interview highlight is in Chicago 1966 when a question is put to John & Paul during the press conference.

Reporter, "Time magazine says that Day Tripper is about a prostitute and Norwegian Wood a lesbian, what's your take on that?"

Paul, "Well we just tend to write songs about prostitutes and lesbians."

The gathered Press just love it!

The Beatles films feature heavily in The Beatles Their Golden Age, with clips from A Hard Day's Night, Help, Magical Mystery Tour, Yellow Submarine & Let it Be, the film trailers, as well as the making of A Hard Day's Night & Help unfortunately because of the music restrictions no original Beatles music is featured but the clips are great.

The dvd manages to cram 50 years of footage into 60 minutes but sometimes its just too quick for its own good (i.e one sentence to sum up the Beatles legendary Shea Stadium concert won't do!) but that's only a minor criticism.

So maybe not quite the Golden Age on this dvd but it's certainly a worthy beginning to the Beatles 50th anniversary celebrations.

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