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Yarbirds Leave A Lasting Impression With Making Tracks

Good morning, everyone. I hope your weekend is off to a great start. As you all can probably tell by taking a simple step outside, it's rather cold out there. Hey, that sounds like a song cue doesn't it? Don't worry. I'm not going to break into song here. Though speaking of song the first of today's new reviews is another new live music release. And it's another great one for all the classic rock fans out there. This time for the classic rock lovers out there, I've got the latest incarnations of one of the greatest rock bands of all time. First up this morning for your consideration dear readers, I offer the new live release from the new incarnation of the one and only Yardbirds!

When one thinks of the famed band, The Yardbirds, the names that instantly come to mind are: Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck, and Jimmy Page. While this latest lineup of the iconic band may not boast those names, its new live release, *Making Tracks* shows that the band is still one of rock's elite. Original members Chris Dreja and Jim McCarty are still on board. For its latest tour, the pair has brought on Ben King, Andy Mitchell, and Dave Smale. And if the current lineup's new release shows anything, it shows that this band's torch is burning as bright as ever as it has been passed to a new generation of musicians.

Making Tracks is one of the absolute must see releases of the year for anyone who has any interest in classic rock or simply great music in general. The band's blues rock based sound throughout the double disc presentation encompasses where music has been and where it is still going. It's really a sound that transcends generations. Audiences are offered so many great songs in this new release. Among some of the band's finest songs are the likes of the classic 'Heartfelt Soul', 'For Your Love' and the equally well known, 'Train Kept Rolling.' Most audiences might recognize this song for fellow classic rockers Aerosmith's take on the song. Who did this song better will be left up to audiences. But there's no denying that this incarnation of the Yardbirds smoked this song. It's one of those songs that translate quite well even on the small screen. Even home audiences will find themselves singing along and tapping their feet to this piece.

The main concert alone makes this new release from one of rock's most respected bands worth the watch. The set's second disc adds to the overall enjoyment with its in depth tour documentary. It documents the work that goes into prepping for each of the tour's shows and the rigors of life on the road in general. There are also personal interviews with each of the new members of the band. Audiences will raise their eyebrows as they learn from original member Chris Dreja that the rumor of him almost becoming the bassist for fellow legendary rockers Led Zeppelin was just that. It was a rumor and nothing more. He notes in his interview that he never had interest in any band other than the Yardbirds. There is also the revelation that Dreja and McCarty never lost touch in all the time since the original Yardbirds band members went their separate ways. That in itself is such a huge statement.

The band's documentary adds so much extra enjoyment to this new release. The band doesn't leave things with the documentary, though. What live release would be complete without an encore? Also included to finish things off are bonus songs from the Jim McCarty band and even a pair of others. One of the most interesting of the songs from the Jim McCarty band is the Edgar Allen Poe poem turned song, 'Dream Within a Dream.' This was first recorded by the Yardbirds' original lineup. It's just one more wonderful part of the whole that is the new Yardbirds live release, *Making Tracks*. *Making Tracks* is available in stores and online now.