



The Original Country Joe Band
"Turned Up & Turned On"
(MVD)
by Paul Autry

This performance was filmed and recorded at South Parade Pier in Southsea, England on June 13th, 2004. It includes the original line up playing a 19 song set and features an exclusive interview with Country Joe. In 2004, Country Joe re-formed some original members of Country Joe & The Fish as The Country Joe Band (Bruce Barthol, David Bennett Cohen and Gary "Chicken" Hirsh). The band toured Los Angeles, Berkeley, Bolinas, Sebastopol, Grants Pass, Eugene, Portland and Seattle. They then made a 10 stop tour of the United Kingdom and played at the Isle Of Wight and London. This excellent performance was filmed and recorded on that leg of the tour.

That first paragraph was included in the press material that came with this release. I thought I would use that as an introduction because, well, The Country Joe Band was makin' music long before I was even born and, for the most part, I really don't get into a lot of music that's older than I am. So, I really wouldn't have a lot to say about this release and I figured it might be a good idea to at least give you some idea of what "Turned Up & Turned On" is all about.

I do agree with the line about it being an excellent performance. It's not really my style of music. But, the band did have a solid sound. So, I don't think any long time Country Joe fans will be disappointed. It has a running time of 135 minutes. So, that's a lot of Country Joe to sink your teeth into.

Besides the main performance, you get a rather lengthy and informative interview with Country Joe himself. It had slow pace. But, like I said, it was informative and that's the important part.

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