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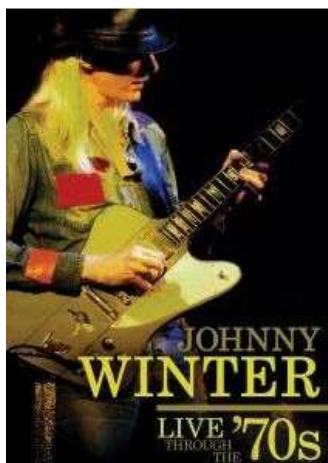
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Johnny Winter

Live Through the 70s

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Live Through the 70's is a document of legendary bluesman Johnny Winter's career throughout the decade. Officially approved by the man himself, these 111 minute DVD features performances beginning in 1970 (at the Gladsaxe Teen Club in Denmark) and ending in Essen Germany in 1979 – spanning the entire rise from small club bluesman to arena legend. The live footage is interspersed with interview snippets from Detroit Tubeworks that Winter gave in 1970. A number of the performances also feature Johnny's equally legendary brother, Edgar Winter, on keyboards and occasionally drums as well.

I think the most surprising aspect of this DVD is the fact that it is so well done. Unlike many others, Johnny Winter managed to land on TV throughout the world quite often it seems. So, there is a lot of extremely professional material in regards to the look and sound of this release. Of course, it's the music that sells it though. Winter sounds great and this DVD not only allows you to look at his notable blues chops but also witness his evolution from kind of shy guitar player to being a superstar and boasting a wardrobe Rick Wakeman may even be jealous of! Especially the capes. Oh the capes. Winter sounds great from day one and as only a casual fan of his music I have to admit that I plan to go and purchase some more. Both Winter brothers seem to have been lost over time so hopefully Live Through the 70's will be a step towards rectifying that problem.

Reviewed by Mark Fisher

