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JOHNNY WINTER "LIVE THROUGH THE '70S"  
(MVD Visual MVDV 4755) 111 minutes DVD

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The compiler of this DVD calls it the definitive document of Johnny's career in the 70's. I would not go that far but I do think that this DVD gives a very fine survey of some of the concerts of Johnny Winter and his various bands in that period.

The DVD opens with three songs that Winter played during a performance for the Danish TV in 1970. Remarkable is the absolute apathetic attitude of the Danish audience. They sit there as if there is no band playing in front of them. Or maybe they were stoned out of their minds...

Winter's band (Uncle John Turner on drums and Tommy Shannon on bass) were assisted by brother Edgar Winter. His "Frankenstein" opens this DVD. The song contains a very long drum solo by two drummers (Turner and Edgar).

Johnny is in optima forma during the great slowblues "Be Careful With A Fool". He mixes his splashing guitar playing with raw blues shouts. The Danish gig is ended with "Drop The Bomb", a long jazzy jam around Johnny's guitar, with Edgar guesting on saxophone this time.

Next up are three songs from a performance in the Royal Albert Hall in 1971.

The picture and sound quality of this gig leave much to be desired. The sound is very shrill while the view is overexposed. The sound of the mixed-in audience sounds is very irritating. Winter and his band are on the rock tour in songs as "Johnny B. Goode" and "Tell The Truth"

"Mean Town Blues" from a gig for the German TV show "Beat Club" is one of the highlights on this DVD. Johnny excels on the slide guitar in this splashing boogie.

Johnny was a big star in 1973. The two songs from the Don Kirshner Rock Concert is the living proof of that. He performs one of his best rock songs "Rock & Roll Hoochie Koo" and the steaming power rocker "Stone County" .

And check his white beard here!!!

Excellent is the tribute to Muddy Waters, "Walking Through The Park", which Johnny performed on the Soundstage, Blues Summit in Chicago in 1974 with top musicians like Dr. John, Junior Wells and Phil Guy at his side.

Next is one song from the German TV show "Musikladen", "Bony Moroney", with a very rude interruption by the German TV host, in the middle of the song!!!

The DVD closes with three songs from the German Rockpalast show. Here it shows that Johnny is not in his best physical condition. He had to

sit down a couple of times during the gig. He tried to explain to the German audience that there would never have been rock and roll without the blues but was unsure if the audience got his message.

Bassist Jon Paris had an eye-catching role since he played the harmonica during his bass playing!!

A great DVD where Johnny Winter's excellent guitar playing can be admired.

He was and is an artist who is interwoven with the blues right down to the bone and was also able to excite a rock audience.