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Official Synopsis:

The Beatles - Magical Mystery Tour Memories is an upbeat rockumentary featuring the vivid memories of those who witnessed the making of the cult Beatle movie, The Magical Mystery Tour, in 1967 and features a celebrity cast along with anecdotal stories and unseen 8mm home movie footage, as well as eye-witness accounts from fans, on-lookers and the cast of the movie. Featuring Tony Barrow (Beatles press officer), Mike McCartney (Paul McCartney's brother), Miranda Ward (journalist and friend of the Fab Four), Spencer Davis (Spencer Davis Group), Tony Bramwell (Beatles road manager and close friend of Sir Paul McCartney), Neil Innes (Bonzo Dog Do Da Band), Freda Kelly (principal secretary to the Beatles Fan Club), Dame Peggy Spencer (choreographer), and Victor Spinetti (actor and close friend of John Lennon), sharing their memories with Victor supplying a fascinating commentary to the film. "This is a happy, upbeat film," comments David Lambert, producer and director of Arthous.

Our Take:

I don't have high expectations of most new Beatles documentaries, because I feel like that well is pretty much dry. There have been so many documentaries and films and books and memoirs on the Fab Four that it really does seem like there's nothing new to offer. **The Beatles: Magical Mystery Tour Memories** attempts to prove me wrong, and it (at least partly) succeeds.

The film focuses solely on the making of *Magical Mystery Tour*, the disastrous "movie" made by The Beatles in 1967. Through interviews with a number of people who were there for the filming, we get a fairly in-depth look at the craziness of the time in general and the shoot itself. We're also treated to some previously unseen home video footage of the band, some new photos, and even some audio interviews with George and Ringo. While the film as a whole has its ups and downs and the quality of the footage varies quite a bit, it is an interesting film for anyone curious about that time in the Beatles' career, which was quite strange.

Unfortunately, there are no extra features on the disc.