



Marty Balin (MVDV4851) - GRTR

Marty Balin's 'Live at the Boston Esplanade' could easily have been a disappointment. After all the latter day Jefferson Starship, have produced some real dross and poor gigs over recent years, but this project works well and is worthy of its place within the broader Airplane/Starship recorded template. And the reason for the project's success is that Mary clearly enjoys being a balladeer. He always was a fine singer with a cute sense of melody and a penchant for strong songs. But above all he still has a fine voice that stirringly leads his 6 piece band into a career retrospective.

Surprisingly, perhaps, he thinks songs like 'Miracles' are performed better now than on the 'Red Octopus' album. But in between some nice recollections he saves his most telling thoughts for last, as just before the fade he says, 'I never used to talk to people. (A lot of) things that happened in those days, I wasn't for that stuff'. We await his book with interest. Yet ultimately as this Balin/Westcoast DVD primer eloquently makes clear, he's still into his music. Fans will lap it up and floaters may be pleasantly surprised.

The full review can be found here:

http://www.getreadytorock.com/reviews2010/marty_balin_dvd.htm