

Kate Bush "Under Review: An Independent Critical Analysis"

Chrome Dreams/Sexy Intellectual/MVD

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As the new millennium has brought a plethora of "Tribute" CDs and unauthorized biographies, another concept of interest appears to be performers "Under Review", where artists like {\$The Small Faces}, {\$Syd Barrett}, {\$The Velvet Underground}, {\$Captain Beefheart} and others have their careers given the "overview". {@Chrome Dreams}' DVD, {^Kate Bush: Under Review - An Independent Critical Analysis}, comes in an elegant cardboard box featuring the same cover from the plastic DVD case, and close to 90 minutes of bio information, video clips and commentary from critics {\$Paul Gambaccini}, {\$Morris Pert}, {\$Lucy O'Brien}, {\$Phil Sutcliffe} and {\$Nigel Williamson} - even giving those journalists mini biographies in the "extras", which is a very nice touch. {\$Gambaccini} also gets to give another three minutes of commentary separate from the eighty-six or so minute documentary

- bringing this in right around the 90 minute mark.

AMG spoke with {\$Beatles}/{\$Kate Bush} expert {\$Erik Taros}, known on Boston radio as "Dr. Beatle", for his opinion: "If somebody didn't know {\$Kate Bush} at all, it's a good overview of her history, though it's a little frustrating to not see more than a 20 second clip. There's nothing here that I saw that most serious Kate Bush collectors don't already have, except for the journalist interviews. Those made it worth it." Taros feels the interviews are "interesting and terrific." Sure, some {\$Kate Bush} purists will find {^Kate Bush Under Review} a bit redundant, but for those who aren't familiar with her work outside of the hits, "Under Review" is an interesting and entertaining documentary. {\$Sian Jones} narration keeps one's interest throughout the 9 chapters, which have their own separate icons if the viewer doesn't want to watch the hour and a half from start to finish. As {\$Kate Bush} has around a half a dozen DVDs on the market at the time of this release- more than many important singers - this is a pretty good "bonus" addition to the collection.

- Joe Viglione