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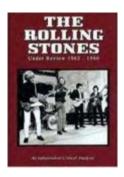
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Rolling Stones: Under Review 1962-1966

Posted by Madison Carter on 09/18/2006, 10:00 PM



Well, at least it's not another Beatles documentary...



Is there really anything left to say about the Rolling Stones? The makers of this DVD documentary seem to think so.

This is the story of the Stones' early years, from 1962 through 1966. Intercut between archival footage of the Stones performing are discussions with bodyguards, former members and journalists. There's not too much here that hasn't really been covered in-depth a thousand times elsewhere. The early covers, the rivalry with the Beatles, Brian Jones' path of self-destruction.

To be totally honest, there's not much here an avid follower of the Stones probably wouldn't know. However, that said, it's still nice to have it presented in this manner, contained to one era with plenty of performance footage. Think of it as sort of a primer for Stones history, and it's okay. To present it as something more is a bit misleading. It doesn't help that, as this is an unauthorized biography doc, it has to rely on a lot of public domain footage and people on the fringe of the Stones community to participate.

Released by a company called Sexy Intellectual, the DVD includes further clips of interviews with some of the participants as well as an interactive quiz. Nothing too outstanding.

As an end-all, be-all documentary on the Stones, even for this period, *Under Review* is very minor.

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