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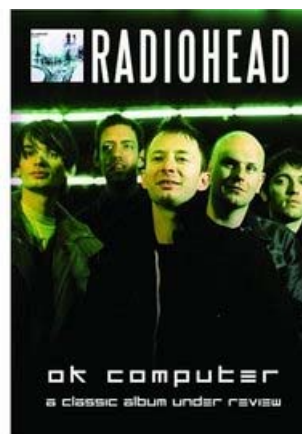
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Radiohead – “O.K. Computer” Under Review (DVD-Video)

Picture: C+ Sound: B-
Extras: C Main Program: B



Some people say Rock is dead, yet cannot explain what that means or when that happened. It does not help when a band like U2 takes no risks anymore, most of the younger bands are too adult contemporary safe, has-been acts that should have broken up long ago continue to cut albums as if they are important with extremely rare exception and bands like Oasis are all hype, zero substance. A few exceptions include Nine Inch Nails, though many try to write it off as Trent Reznor with any musicians he chooses, Pearl Jam are ever incredible and even No Doubt counts, who successfully mix more genres better than anyone. Then there is Radiohead.

As Pulp never picked up and Blur was sadly whittled down, Radiohead has produced more consistent albums, music and original ideas than any other Rock band alive. Sure, they may borrow more heavily from the likes of David Bowie than one might want, but instances like that are minor as compared to the overall catalog. From the great singing of Thom E. Yorke to the uncompromising musicianship of Ed O'Brien, Phil Selway and brothers Jonny & Colin Greenwood, few bands today can match them and none can surpass them. Instead of trying to take on their whole career, the ever-amazing **Under Review** series continues focusing in some cases on a single album and try out the amazing **O.K. Computer** from 1997.

The worldwide hit *Creep* had already shown their commercial viability, building on that with the incredible success of **The Bends** (album and especially single *Just*), it left many excitedly wondering what they would do next. That is where **O.K. Computer** comes in. The installment looks at every single track, but of course, there are standouts. *No Surprises* and *Karma Police*, which even went as far as to have two remarkable Music Videos, are seemingly accessible and simple, but there is a certain synergy within the production and engineering of those

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songs that make them in particular single masterworks.

However, there are gems on the album that could never be released as a single and that is why this is one really great installment of the **Under Review** series, one that once again could have gone on longer. Since this program, the band has released three more remarkable albums and show no sign of stopping, but is a great choice because this is *the* breakthrough album and that will become more and more apparent as they become greater and greater.

The letterboxed 1.78 X 1 image is nicely exited and produced, so it is a shame this is not anamorphically enhanced and has detail limits. Colors can be very nice, but that cannot make up for that detail issue. The PCM 16/48 2.0 Stereo is not bad, though the music is sometimes veiled versus the same type of PCM on their **Seven Television Commercials** DVD Music Video collection, which we highly recommend. Extras are few, but include text on the contributors and a very hard text quiz dubbed the hardest ever as usual for this series. Don't miss this must-see installment.

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