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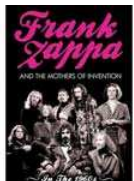
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#### Frank Zappa And The Mothers Of Invention: In The 1960's

A seminal figure in rock history gets the rockumentary treatment once again



Easily one of the most unique, innovative and prolific figures in popular music history, Frank Zappa's story is a particularly fascinating one. Like many of his ilk it seems that his music is better understood and appreciated the more time elapses since his life came to an end, and as such this documentary provides a useful piece of the jigsaw one must construct to truly get to grips with the man's legacy.

Much of it focuses, rightly, on the "We're Only In It For The Money" period of the mid '60's and thereabouts and the various generally eccentric people who formed either part of his band or entourage. It's a particularly interesting time to look at; "We're Only In It..." was one of the first records to use samples, tape loops and other studio trickery we take for granted now, and the cover art concept, a tribute to the Sergeant Pepper sleeve as filtered through Zappa's left-field aesthetic, seems spookily appropriate in hindsight.

With interviews from several of the Mothers, including Jimmy Carl Black, Bunk Gardner, Don Preston and Art Tripp and a host of other friends, experts and assorted scenesters, this DVD, though not endorsed by the Zappa family, nonetheless sheds some light on a truly deserving subject; and with plenty of rare footage and original tracks thrown in, it's a definite must for fans.

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