



Eric Clapton - The 1960s Review

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This guided tour of Clapton's most significant decade documents his journey from fresh faced aficionado of traditional folk blues to globe trotting guitar hero and all in the space of a two hour DVD. Using the tried and tested format of mixing archive images, vintage live and verite footage with interviews, a supporting cast of talking heads and selected critical commentary the DVD follows Clapton's journey from the provincial obscurity of his first band The Roosters, through his stints with Casey Jones and The Engineers, The Yardbirds and John Mayall's Bluebreakers to the formation of Cream in 1966 and on to the much hyped but ultimately short-lived Blind Faith. For the record the impressive list of interviewees and contributors includes Neil Innes, Paul Jones, Chris Dreja, Top Topham, Tom McGuinness, John Mayall, Ginger Baker, Jack Bruce and Clapton himself. Interesting anecdotes include The Roosters piano player and former Cream road manager Ben Palmer recalling that he actually didn't realise he'd been hired as Cream's road manager until he was sitting back stage with the band just before their first ever gig at Manchester's Twisted Wheel and also knocking back the then unknown Jimi Hendrix's requests to sit in with Cream. Extras include a clip on The Yardbirds' experience of backing Sonny Boy Williamson live on tour, Paul Jones explaining the background to the Eric Clapton's Powerhouse recordings and Cream producer Bill Halverson sharing his recollections of how the recording of 'Badge' came about.

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