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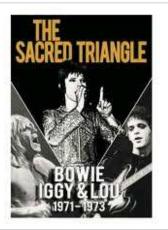
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# DVD Review: The Sacred Triangle: Bowie, Iggy & Lou, 1971-1973

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The Sacred Triangle: Bowie, Iggy & Lou, 1971-1973

Directed by Alec Lindsell Narrated by Thomas Arnold Sexy Intellectual, 2010 107 minutes, USD \$19.95 Chromedreams.co.uk MVDvisual.com

Let's get right down to it:

This is a British documentary, so you *know* which one of the three is getting the main focus. Okay, picture two pyramids next to each other. The one on the left is Lou Reed and the one on the right is Iggy. Balancing between them is a line connecting the two (that is Marc Bolan, mentioned often but not in detail). And finally there is the third pyramid of the "sacred" triangle, David Bowie, on top of it all. That is the vision presented here. Okay, I'm done. Naw, not really, as this is still an interesting - albeit somewhat skewed - vision of the three.

Let me quickly add here that I am totally impressed by the choice of interviews that have been selected for this doc, which is so much better than the Pearl Jam one in this series. But more on the talking heads later.

There's no doubt that Bowie was influenced by Lou Reed and the Velvet Underground, but that's nothing new. Just listen to David Jones' singing style around the Ziggy Stardust period, and it's easy to see the progression from his earlier works. Personally, I'd rather listen to Reed's take, but that's just me, walkin' on the wild side on a Sunday morning when comes the dawning.

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