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Various Artist: *The Sacred Triangle-Bowie, Iggy & Lou 1971-1973 (DVD)*

At the beginning of the 1970's, three rock stars all seemingly going in different directions somehow managed to converge for a brief time. David Bowie, yet to transform into Ziggy Stardust, was looking for his next hit after the early success of "Space Oddity", but finding it hard to come by. Lou Reed was desperately trying to make something of a solo career after leaving The Velvet Underground, one of the late 60's most psychedelic groups. Iggy Pop, after practically inventing punk with The Stooges, now hoped to drag himself out of a drug induced stupor long enough to make something of his sagging career.



The Sacred Triangle-Bowie, Iggy & Lou 1971-1973 documents how these three met at New York's Max's Kansas City bar in late 1971 and all their careers took a turn for the better shortly after. There's plenty of vintage footage of all three included here, and each musician is given plenty of background coverage so the viewer has plenty of info on their careers leading up to the magical meeting. Bowie fans will especially love the time devoted to their hero (he gets the bulk of the coverage on this DVD), especially his Ziggy days, complete with some great live footage, though of obvious sub-par quality. There's also some cool live footage of wildman Iggy Pop and The Stooges from their heyday which is a very nice addition here. Throw in some fascinating interview segments from those who were around the scene back then, like Angela Bowie (David's ex-wife), Andy Warhol's assistant Billy Name, Lee Black Childers, NY scenester Jayne County (now she/he's a real doozy!), and others, and you have an entertaining film of three icons of rock and roll who helped create glam, punk, and psychedelia.

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