



DVD Review: What Ever Happened To Pink Floyd?

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On this day, the Boxing Day of the Academy Awards if you are looking for something different to watch on your next trip to the video store here in Toronto why not try something a little different. A dissection of decent and breakup of one of the biggest rock bands in history certainly does qualify.

Whatever Happened To Pink Floyd? The Strange Case Of Waters and Gilmour is a new documentary tracks the story of Pink Floyd. One of the most popular rock groups of the 1970s, Pink Floyd achieved superstar status despite being routinely experimental and often downright bizarre. The group have proven an enormous influence on numerous contemporary bands, like Muse, Radiohead, and countless others and they remain a wholly credible name to drop in the musical world, more than 30 years since Punk Rock was supposed to have killed off 'progressive rock'. This film traces the path Floyd took after the recording of the Animals album, during which time cracks in the band first started to show and brings the strange story of the group and the intense sometimes volatile relationship between Waters and Gilmour right up to date with the unexpected collaboration of these two maverick musicians at a 2010 charity event. It features numerous interviews with each member of Pink Floyd, interspersed with classic and rare performance footage, plus contributions from friends, colleagues and various rock journalists.

Many documentaries like this take place without the involvement of the band themselves, so they are always partial pictures of the entire story but for this reviewer who is at best a casual fan of Pink Floyd, found this to be a fairly interesting take on the relationship between Waters and Gilmour. The archival footage and performances were interesting, but tracking this story of the dissolution and eventual resolution of a friendship is what is at the heart of this film, played out in the music of Waters/Gilmour, be it together as Pink Floyd or as individuals.

Ultimately, this film will play better to fans, but is an interesting testament to the power of music and how cathartic songs can be.

3 out of 5 stars



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