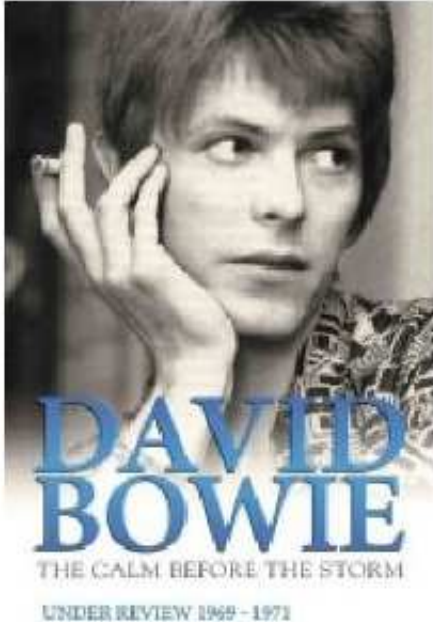


David Bowie: The Calm Before the Storm



(<http://www.dvdsnapshot.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/DavidBowie.jpg>) **Official Synopsis:**

David Bowie's first record was issued as early as 1964 and so began, in the view of many, the most creative career in the history contemporary music. But it was in 1969 and the release of his startling 'Space Oddity' that Bowie first gained the recognition that has accompanied his music since. Between '69 and late '71 the Thin White Duke made three albums that for many, include his finest ever work. This film focuses on those three records; his second album 'Space Oddity', his third, the critically acclaimed Man Who Sold The World and the pinnacle of his pre-Ziggy career, Hunky Dory.

Our Take:

David Bowie: The Calm Before the Storm is a must see for Bowie fans. I knew I liked a few of his songs, but watching this, realized I liked more than I thought. Although this film is not authorized by Bowie, his management or the record company, I still think it paints him in a good light and fans will eat it up. The film follows his early work pre-Ziggy Stardust and how he transformed himself over and over again musically, personally and professionally. He went from a more folk-y musician to the androgynous persona we remember him as. He influenced generations of people and the documentary includes one of Kurt Cobain's last performances, Nirvana's MTV Unplugged where they covered Bowie's "The Man Who Sold the World" (which is still one of the most haunting cover songs of all time). A good mix of music, old footage, interviews and people talking about how his music influenced them and shaped their lives.

Special Features:

None

Conclusion:

David Bowie: The Calm Before the Storm is a great musical documentary that will easily fit into your music collections. It's a must watch for Bowie fans and it might show some people who don't think they are fans, that they are. Some great early footage of the music icon and you can see his transformation from rather normal looking David Jones into cross dressing, make up wearing, performance rocking music god. And let's face it, "Space Oddity" is one of the most iconic songs in music history.

RECOMMENDED FOR BOWIE FANS!

Overall Picture:

Movie: **B**

Extra Features: **F**

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