



DVD Review: Scissor Sisters Live In Victoria Park London 2011

Rewind to summer 2011, and the Scissor Sisters are riding high off of three successful albums, starting with their self-titled debut in 2004, moving through 'Ta-Dah,' and right into 2010s, disco-fied, 'Night Work.' With success both in the U.S. and abroad, they seemed like a fine choice to play at London's 'Out and Fierce Festival,' and the rain was not going to stop play.

Fortunately for Scissors Sisters fans, the suitably flamboyant stadium show was caught on camera as lead vocalists Ana Matronic and Jake Shears bounded onto the stage. While the bright rubber outfits worn by both singers certainly caught the eye, it is the music that really glowed as the band delivered a number of hits with a smattering of camp interludes. Among the hits were 'Take Your Mama' and 'I Don't Feel Like Dancin' as the band impress throughout, particularly the bass-work of Babydaddy, and Del Marquis' expressive guitar riffs.

As a viewing experience, this DVD keeps things straight-up and simple, with cameras placed on-stage, in front of the audience, and sweeping across the whole area, giving a variety of views. Luckily there are no "special effects" to detract from the show, and the editing is thoughtfully managed, with cut-aways being timely, but not too rapid.

As for the sound, this is definitely 100% live! While this means that you can't expect the crisp clarity of a studio recording, the quality is far from bad, and, in fact, improves as the show goes along (perhaps the sound-man was getting used to things as the show continued). Sure, sometimes the odd note comes out a little bit flat, but this all adds to the raw experience of a live show, and there are never any glaring errors from this well-polished outfit.

While this is a solid live DVD, it is perhaps one for the existing Scissors Sisters fans to enjoy, rather than something for those who are looking to explore the band for the first time. With the band having a style that you will either love or hate (there is very little middle ground with the Scissor Sisters), this DVD is a fine way for fans to enjoy a real live experience.

In short, if you like the Scissor Sisters, this one's for you!

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