I'M GONNA ROCK IT 'TIL IT STRIKES THE HOUR

- "Metal Health (Bang Your Head)", Quiet Riot

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Kiss Forever! - The Ultimate Box Set (Unauthorized)



Let's face it, there is a ton of stuff out there on Kiss. There are unauthorized biographies, bootleg concert films etc... To be honest, no matter how many DVD's I own, it doesn't matter, I want more. Kiss has this hypnotic power over it's fans which leaves them constantly craving more, well at least while the original line up was still together. To feed your hunger for more, MVD Entertainment has recently released *Kiss* - *Forever*, which is a 3 DVD box set of archived footage of the band. Each DVD is approx. 40 min in length.

As stated above Kiss - Forever is a 3 disk set containing the following DVD's: *Kiss - Over the Top, Forever and Collection*. The first DVD I put in was Over the Top which is dubbed in German (I think). This DVD would have been a cool, had I been able to understand the language. There is some rare footage from the non-makeup era of the band included on this DVD, but unfortunately I didn't know WTF they were saying. Kiss - Forever is full of rare interview footage which is weighted heavier on the early days of the band (Probably the best of the set). There is a cool documentary giving a behind the scenes view of what it took to put a Kiss show together back in the day. Kiss - Collection is a little less formal, including some non pro shot video of Kiss at certain events. For example, the first part of the DVD is from the premier of the Detroit Rock City. The footage is shot well, but the audio is horrible. The footage shows the band being interview, but you can't make out what they're saying. It is almost like someone had a video camera and zoomed in to film the guys, but wasn't close enough to get the audio. You can hear background noise and people talking, but not the actual band.

There are more flaws with this set, other than the ones listed above, like footage getting repeated. The collection DVD and the Forever DVD have some footage which is repeated, from a press conference that the band did, announcing their farewell tour (what a joke); well the farewell tour from the original lineup. All in all not a bad view, but not a great one either. It was cool seeing some of the classic footage, but with all of the flaws, it took away from the finished product.



Bottom Line: *This could have been a cool box set, had better footage been selected and with better editing. Die hard Kiss fans will probably pick this one up for the sentiment, but they won't be blown away after its viewing.*

Ragman is feeling empty inside.

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