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## Dio The Legend Live DVD Review

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Originally recorded in 1986 in Tokyo, Japan, Dio The Legend Live is a collection of concert footage from Dio's Sacred Heart tour. I actually went to the Indianapolis concert where the long forgotten band Rough Cutt opened for Him and given his recent passing I was very glad to have the opportunity to check out this classic concert from one of Heavy Metal's greatest.

Despite the common misconception that his name is taken from the Hispanic term for God, Italian Ronald James Padavona actually changed his name to Ronnie Dio in reference to Mafia hitman Johnnie Dio.

Ok, enough of the Metal history lesson, lets discuss this DVD. The 7 songs included are easily his best tracks at the time of the concert, as Dream Evil had not been recorded yet. I knew it was a good collection when the DVD started off with my favorite Dio song, Hungry For Heaven. It keeps up the pace kicking into a nice medly of Holy Diver and The Last In Line and by the end finishes with a great rendition of Stand Up and Shout. The transition between songs is a bit rough on a couple of tracks as there is no smooth fade or dialogue between the

performances; rather, it is a straight cut off. The camera work is pretty good as we get closeups of Ronnie and the band interlaced with views of the whole stage. The transfer quality to me looks like a straight rip from a VHS but it is probably about as good as you can get for 25 year old concert footage (actually typing 25 year old concert just made me feel really old!). Each song title is displayed at the start in your typical 80's font in the lower right corner briefly.



With songs about Dragons, Heaven, Rainbows, Wizards, Witches and Hell, Dio's albums are one 20 sided die away from sounding like a Dungeons and Dragons game. Dio turns on the energy, dancing around the stage and flashing his trademark maloik (devil horns) sign while singing. It is a bit comical during Heaven and Hell when he tries to engage the crowd to sing along and it becomes obvious that due to the language barrier they have no clue what he is saying. He finally says "What the Hell, we'll just try it anyway.." and gets about half of the crowd to shout Heaven and Hell along with him.



One odd thing about this release is the inaccurate playtime on the cover. Although listed as 60 minutes, in all actuality the DVD is only 32 minutes long. The menu consists of a play all option and individual chapter listings for each song.

If you enjoy classic Heavy Metal performances then Dio The Legend Live is definitely worth picking up. It is a classic concert that contains a lot of Dio's greatest hits. The runtime is a bit brief but this is an inexpensive tribute worth checking out.

#### **Set List:**

Hungry for Heaven  
 Holy Diver/Last in Line  
 Heaven and Hell  
 Sacred Heart  
 Long Live Rock & Roll

Rainbow in the Dark  
Stand Up and Shout

Dio The Legend Live is available on DVD as of December 28, courtesy of IMV Blueline and MVD Releasing.



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