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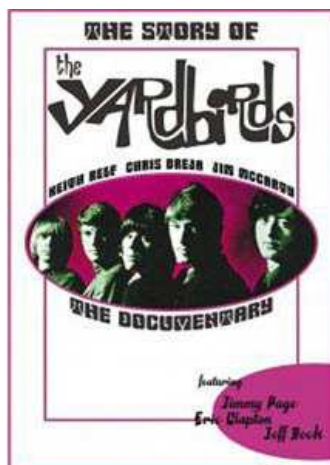


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The Story of The Yardbirds

ABC Entertainment

I have always known The Yardbirds were an influential band but I had never realized they were as influential as they were. Knowing they were not a hard rock band, I didn't know that they were pinnacle in changing the face of rock music. Their blues orientated rock and distorted guitars and psychedelic sound was paramount in influencing and creating the hard rock genre that birthed such great acts as Cream, Led Zeppelin and Black Sabbath. Let's face it; this band featured three of the greatest guitarist in rock history namely Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck and Jimmy Page.

Not being overly familiar with the history of The Yardbirds this DVD The Story of The Yardbirds was a great introduction and look at the short yet influential careers of one of the greatest rock bands of our time. This DVD is a one hour look at how The Yardbirds rose to the fame they attained in five short years. They rose to fame as they became the successors to the Rolling Stones as the house band at the Crawdaddy Club in Richmond. Their illustrious careers spanned five years and they recorded some memorable songs such as "For Your Love", "Train Kept Rolling", "Dazed and Confused", "I'm A Man" and many others and came to a screeching halt in 1968 leading famed guitarist Jimmy Page to form some band called Led Zeppelin or something like that. The DVD contains interviews with band members including Page, Clapton, Beck, Dreja, and McCarty. Also included are live performances of "I'm A Man", "Shapes of Things", "My Girl Sloopy" and many more.

Overall, this is a good concise look at the history of The Yardbirds. Whether you are a fan of The Yardbirds or a person who is familiar their music but has never really looked closely at their career then this is a great DVD to add to your collection. I enjoyed the footage, the candid interviews and most of all the music videos that brought the music to life for me. I would recommend this DVD to anyone who has any interest in the history of rock and roll.

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