

Green On Red: Valley Fever - Live At Rialto

Recorded on September 4th 2005 at the Rialto Theater in Tucson, Arisona and released exactly a year later, the {\$Green On Red} reunion opens with three minutes of documentary footage and a dedication to drummer {\$Alex MacNicol} who passed away in January of 2004. MacNicol is replaced by {\$Daren Hess} on this pleasant 80 minute set, the comeback ostensibly put together for the 20th anniversary of Tucson's Hotel Congress. There are shots of the hotel in the mini-documentary which looks like it was filmed two weeks after the event. Frontman/guitarist {\$Dan Stuart} says he wishes bands wouldn't reunite, that for art's sake they should just "go away", and also expresses how much he doesn't like being onstage. That being said, it appears this occassion did bring bassist {\$Jack Waterson}, guitarist {\$Chuck Profit} and keyboardist {\$Chris Cacavas} - the 1985-1987 era of the band which appeared on $\{$ @Enigma $\}$ and $\{$ @Mercury $\}$ records - back together for an extended reunion. The results? Laid-back strumming, perhaps {\$R.E.M.} deciding to slow down their own

and {\$The Flying Burritto Brothers} riffs, and the boys looking the worse for wear. Certainly not as out of shape as {\$Michael Lee Smith} on {\$Starz}' {^Back In Action: Live 2003} epic, which is the barometer for all these comebacks that the aforementioned Stuart says shouldn't happen. With only {\$Chuck Profit} perhaps maintaining some kind of image from the past they soldier on through sixteen tunes, including a strange {&"Fading Away"} which does just that as one of those old fashioned "off the air"

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Perhaps the camera shut down. Regardless, there's no holy grail here, just a bunch of guys getting together and making some fine music. Works fine as background music - no explosions, no stage diving, and certainly not much to look at, but a decent set delivered by older guys who actually seem to be having a good time rocking on. There's another two minute clip of reminiscing but no bonus material to speak of.

Credits

Hess, Daren/Drums Stuart, Dan/vocals, guitar Waterson, Jack/music producer, bass Profit, Chuck/guitar Cacavas, Chris/keyboards Jackson, Woody/mix Burroughs, Chris/recorded by Lopes, Angelo/editor, director of photography Sahagun,Alphonso/camera Martins, Patricia/camera Vinik, Danny/producer Green On Red/Director

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