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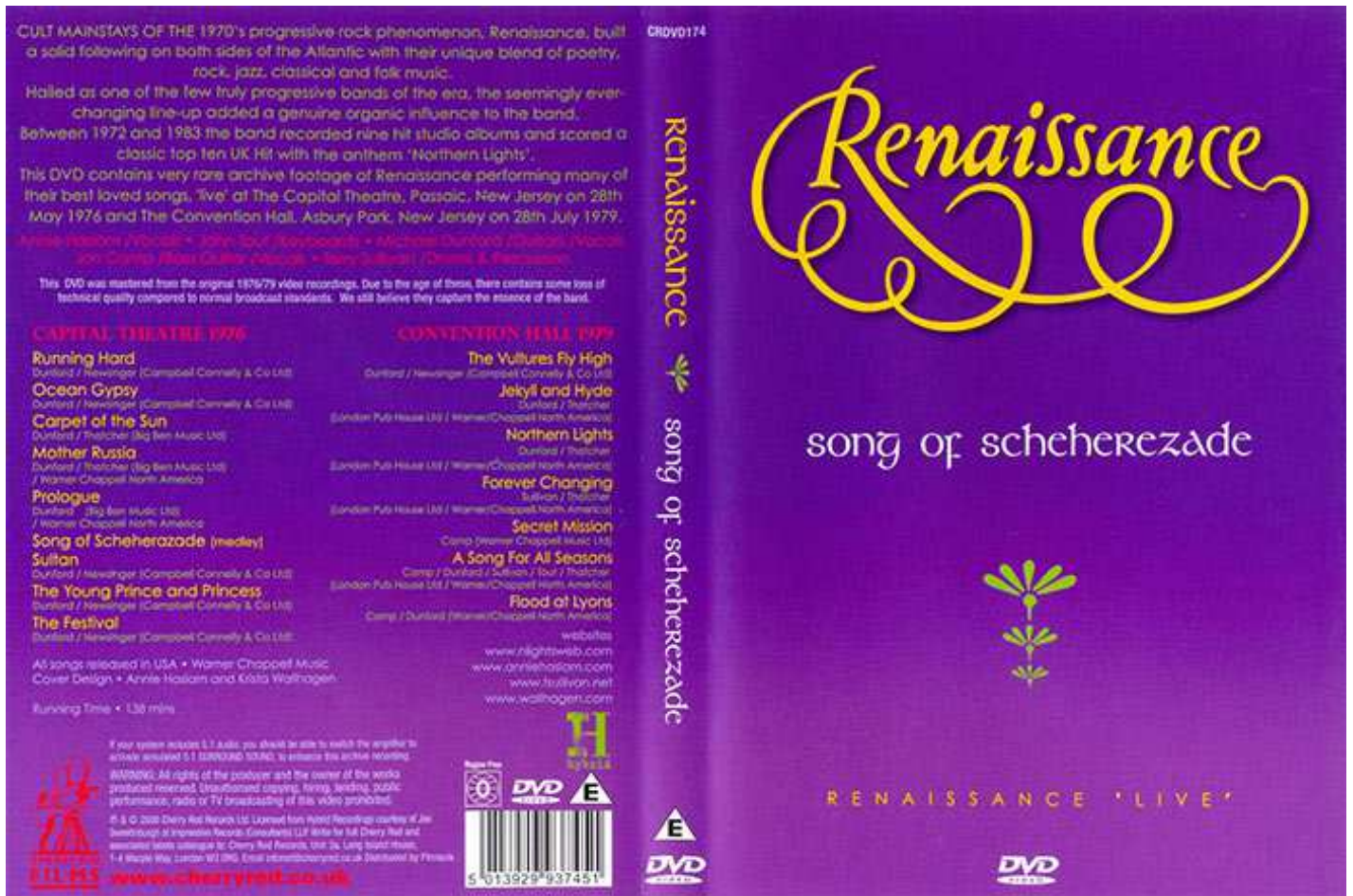
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## DVD Review: Renaissance: Song of Scheherazade

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Many people will remember Renaissance from the late 70s. They are most notable for their 1978 UK top 10 hit “Northern Lights” and progressive rock classics like “Carpet of the Sun”, “Mother Russia” and “Ashes Are Burning”.

The group is made up of Annie Haslam (vocals), Michael Dunford (guitar), John Tout (keyboards), Jon Camp (bass, vocals), and Terence Sullivan (drums, percussion). On this DVD **Renaissance: Song of Scheherazade**, it shows 2 live shows that Renaissance performed. The first show at the Capitol Theatre in 1976, and the other at the Convention Hall in 1979.

The DVD contains very rare archived footage from both shows, but watching it, it is very grainy and the sound sucks. I appreciate Renaissance’s music but I don’t believe this DVD shows them off well.

During the first concert at The Capitol Theater there were great standouts including “Carpet of the Sun,” “Mother Russia,” “Prologue” and their epic masterpiece “Song of Scheherazade.”

During the second concert at The Convention Hall, the standout songs included “Northern Lights,” of course “Mother Russia” again and “A Song For All Seasons.”

Other than the sound and picture being grainy, I enjoyed this concert very much. Color would be nice, though. You get at least 2 hours of Renaissance, which is nice. Though, I would much prefer a DVD release of a full concert on DVD. But for Renaissance fans, you won’t be disappointed, other than what I said before.

### Songs / Tracks Listing

#### **Capital Theater, Passiac, New Jersey, 21st May, 1976**

1. Running Hard

2. Ocean Gypsy
3. Carpet of the Sun
4. Mother Russia
5. Prologue
6. Song of Scheherazade: Sultan
7. The Young Prince and Princess
8. The Festival

**Conventional Hall, Ashbury Park, New Jersey, 28th July, 1979**

1. Can You Understand – Intro
2. Vultures Fly High
3. Jekyll and Hyde
4. Northern Lights
5. Forever Changing
6. Secret Mission
7. Mother Russia
8. A Song For All Seasons
9. Flood at Lyons

**Total Time 125 min**

**Reviewed by Kevin Pollack**

**Rating: 3/5**

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