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HER ROYAL MAJESTY....Now that Queen + Paul Rodgers are slated to embark on their first extensive tour of the U.S. in March, fans of the royal rockin' musical monarchs should screen a new DVD, *Queen –Under Review 1973-1980* (Music Video Distributors/\$19.95). Putting a new spin on the format of the “rockumentary”, *Queen Under Review 1973-1980* offers a musical education behind the pomp and circumstance

A well respected coalition of UK rock scribes and musicians including ex-Melody Maker scribe Chris Welch, broadcaster and friend of the late Freddie Mercury Paul Gambaccini, Nigel Williamson of *Uncut* magazine, hard rock historian Malcolm Dome and others provide compelling critical analysis of the band's music. Alongside commentary from the aforementioned experts, the 103-minute DVD is loaded with tons of rare Queen footage including:

Keep Yourself Alive-live in London circa 1973-1974
Seven Seas Of Rhye-live in Hungary circa the 80's
Killer Queen-Top Of The Pops
Stone Cold Crazy-live at London's Rainbow Theater 1975
Somebody to Love-promo film
Bohemian Rhapsody-live in Dublin, Ireland 1975
Good Old Fashioned Lover Boy-Top Of The Pops
We Will Rock You-live in Hungary circa the 80's
We Are The Champions-live in London
Bicycle race-live at the Tokyo Hippodrome 1979
Crazy Little Thing Called Love-live in Paris circa the early 80's
Another One Bites The Dust-live in Austin, Texas circa the late 70s

Also out in this excellent series are *Small Faces-Under Review* and *The Who-Under Review*. Both are well worth a look.

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