

Mass Movement

Queen – Under Review 1973 – 1980: An Independent Critical Analysis DVD (Chrome Dreams) Out Now

Anyone over the age of twenty-five who proclaims that he or she has never owned, or listened to a Queen record, is, to be blunt, a liar. The number of bands who have had the same kind of impact on both popular culture and rock music, can be counted on one hand. We're talking The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Elvis Presley and...well, that's about it folks. Here's another fact for you, somewhere in the world, a radio station is playing "Bohemian Rhapsody" as you read this, and when the song has finished, somewhere else in the world, it'll start playing on another station. Amazing isn't it? And that doesn't even take into account the other Queen songs that are being played by radio around the world...

"Under Analysis" attempts to explain just why Queen changed the face of rock music by examining their most productive, and arguably their best, years – the decade of hoary old rock-n-roll excess, the nineteen seventies. For the most part, it's actually incredibly interesting, switching between rare archive footage of the band and the commentary and explanations offered by Queen fanatics - and "Under..." is worth watching for Malcolm Dome's segments alone, the man's passion for everything related to the band is nearly unsurpassed, and even made up for the inane banter supplied by Simon Bradley. For the Queen fanatic this is a must have, but, and it is a BIG but, due to it's nature and it's content. "Under Review" is unlikely to appeal to the average, listen to the band in the car on a Saturday afternoon kind of fan. You know what though? It doesn't matter as it hasn't been out together for, or designed to appeal to the weekend warrior. This is for the die-hard, the one who "wants it all", and taking that into account, as I said before, it's indispensable. I rest my case your honour... **Tim**