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Queen

Under Review: 1973 - 1980

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Under Review is a British-produced documentary on the most unique band of seventies rock, Queen. With flamboyant, androgynous frontman Freddie Mercury, Queen brought a "show-biz" aspect to the classic rock of that era. As told in this video, the climax of the band's career was their fourth album, A Night at the Opera, which featured one of the most recognizable songs in rock history, "Bohemian Rhapsody." As opposed to weaker attempts from bands of that era (such as The Who) to create rock operas, Queen was successful with A Night...and Under Review examines the dynamic that existed between the band's two primary songwriters-- Mercury and guitarist, Brian May.

If this video has a downside, it is the technical over-analyzing of songs that runs on a bit more than it needs to. The sad part about the Queen's story is that despite their great commercial success, critics decried the band as egocentric and it wasn't until the death of Mercury that the band found its just validation, untimely as it was.

Under Review gives you what need to understand that Queen not only created their own rock sub-genre but that they changed rock forever. To paraphrase a line from the video, "The great bands are far more than the sum of their parts."

- Larry Trujillo

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