

Pam Tillis - Live at the Renaissance Center (DVD, Music Video Distributors)

Pam Tillis is a colorful entertainer...and we're not just talking about the flashy rainbow-colored outfit she wears in this event. During this show which was taped at the Renaissance Center in Dickson, Tennessee, Tillis and her band really put out for the crowd. Pam has a really cool stage presence herself of course...but this concert is made even more engaging because of her choice of backup musicians...all of whom really add their own special touches. Compared to most country superstars, Tillis chooses young players...and interestingly has two female musicians playing center stage with her. The band consists of Darin Favorite (lead guitar), Bethany Dick (fiddle), Mary Sue Englund (acoustic guitar), David Spicher (bass), Tim Lusby (steel guitar), Weston Mays (keyboards), and Kent Slucher (drums). Pam and her band present some great up-tempo numbers, but the slower moody tracks are the *real* standouts. Of particular interest are "Walk In The Room," "Spilled/Pony/Good One Medley" (truly fantastic), "Calico Plains," "In Between Dances," and "Mandolin Rain." Throughout this show Pam and her band prove themselves to be true professionals, playing with and for the crowd...instead of at them. Presented in stunning 5.1 surround sound, this is a truly entertaining DVD. After watching this, we immediately wanted to go out and pick up everything that this magnetic lady has recorded. Outstanding. (Rating: 5++)



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