Blogger News Network

High-quality English language analysis and editorial writing on the news.



- Home
- About BNN
- BNN Editorial Policies
- Posting Guidelines
- Write for BNN
- Login & Write!

DVD Review: Sharon Shannon And Big Band Live At Dolans

Posted on April 6th, 2008 by <u>Simon Barrett</u> in <u>All News</u> Read 101 times.



I can honestly say that I know of no other musician that has made a name for themselves playing the Squeeze box (accordion), but Sharon Shannon certainly has. This without doubt Irish music, but it is Irish with a twist. It moves from classic airs to Jazz with a seamlessness that is uncanny.

This particular concert comes from the world famous Dolans in Limerick Ireland and recorded in July 2006. I feel that the only thing wrong with is great DVD is the title, It should be called Sharon Shannon And The Really Really Big Band. She has more guests than a State Dinner at the White House.

I love the interesting mixture of musical styles, you just don't know what you are going to get next. It takes a lot of guts to 'Play outside the box'. and Sharon certainly plays outside of the box. Quite how you can combine so many musical styles and still make it work is beyond me. But she succeeds.

Among her 'Big Band' is Roesy who performs a fabulous version on Trailin The True Star, this is a song that CMT would love, and the Grand Ole Opry would be drooling to have him play it on their stage.

An equally unlikely musical number is Big Rock Candy Mountain, this has been a well hidden gem in the American folk world for years, but finally got it's day in the sunshine with the Cohen brothers movie 'O Brother'. Irish it is not! I am not so sure that they nailed Big Rock Candy Mountain, but it sure was a fun rendition.

My theory about music, and I am sure I am in the minority, (but I have broad shoulders, so I can take the abuse!), too many musicians live within their own comfort zone, they do not explore. And exploration is key

1 of 5 4/10/2008 4:45 PM

to innovation. Without exploration you become just one of the crowd, you just disappear into the white noise that is the music industry today.

Sharon Shannon And Big Band Live At Dolans is innovative stuff, there is even a little bit of Irish Rap, hahaha now that is a genre that I have not come across before! Sharon is helped out by Roesy, Jon Kenny, The Brennan Sisters, Damien Dempsey, Declan O'Rourke, and about 10,000 other people!

This is a fun DVD, and one that I can recommend, if you want to try something fresh and exciting this is it. You can get your copy from MVD.

Simon Barrett

http://zzsimonb.blogspot.com

Let Others Know About This Post These icons link to social bookmarking sites where readers can share and discover new web pages.

	1	
_		

























Click Below To Rate This Post:

(No Ratings Yet)

Loading ...

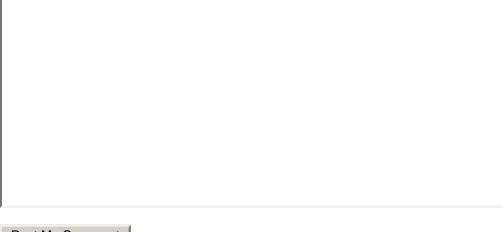
No user commented in "DVD Review: Sharon Shannon And Big Band Live At Dolans"

Follow-up comment rss or Leave a Trackback

Leave A Reply

Username (*required)
Email Address (*private)
Website (*optional)

2 of 5 4/10/2008 4:45 PM



Post My Comment

Advertisements:

Folk music

Download The Greatest Folk Tracks Of Yesterday & Today. 100% Free! www.Ez-Radio.com

Irish Dance DVD & CD

Do a little jig! Easy workouts to traditional Irish music. Great gift

Eirerobics.com

Sexy Singles Chat

Meet & Chat with Local Singles in Your Area. 100% Free to Join!

www.SinglesChat4All.com

Need a band for an event?

Come search live bands in your area available to be booked. www.PartyBand.net

Blogger of the Month:

BloggerNews.net would like to thank and congratulate our Blogger of the Month for the month of April 2008 – <u>Hugh McNichol</u> for his story on 'The Seven "NEW" Deadly Sins!'

Hugh McNichol is a freelance author, teacher and technologies consultant who has studied both theology and philosophy at Philadelphia's Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary.

His writings promote deeper understanding of the Catholic faith, while hoping to provide topics of good discussion among all Catholics.

Click here for more information on Hugh McNichol Click here to read 'The Seven "NEW" Deadly Sins!'

UPDATE: <u>Simon Barrett</u> interviews <u>Hugh</u> on everything from his writings, to a book deal, to Catholicism and more... <u>Click here to read the interview</u>.

3 of 5 4/10/2008 4:45 PM

Recent Entries

- Embattled Man in Texas Frozen Embryo Case Is Finally Free of Ex's Legal Harassment
- Shaw Cable Bring Out The Violins!
- Robotic Waiters in Germany?
- Benedict XVI....the rolling Papal Rock!
- Olympic Protest
- Reid: Bush Only Has Exit Strategy for Himself
- Music Review: Oracular Spectacular by MGMT
- SC Verdict on OBC Reservations Battle drawn War to be won
- Ashlee Simpson + Pete Wentz = Engaged
- Miranda Kerr and Her Six-Figure Relationship With David Jones

BloggerNews.net Sponsors:



Similiar Posts:

- CD Review: *Renegade* (Self Titled)
- CD: Colour Me Colourful by Roesy
- Music DVD: Live At The Lowry by The Incredible String Band
- CD Review: Sixty Minutes With Gordon Giltrap
- CD Review: Jon Anderson With The New Life Band Live In Sheffield 1980

April 2008

SMTWTFS

<u>1</u> <u>2</u> <u>3</u> <u>4</u> <u>5</u> <u>6</u> <u>7</u> <u>8</u> <u>9</u> <u>1</u>0 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

20 21 22 23 24 25 26

27 28 29 30

« Mar

4/10/2008 4:45 PM 4 of 5

Archives

- April 2008
- March 2008
- February 2008
- January 2008
- December 2007
- November 2007
- October 2007
- September 2007
- August 2007
- July 2007
- June 2007
- May 2007
- April 2007
- March 2007
- <u>Water 2007</u>
- <u>February 2007</u>
- January 2007
- December 2006
- November 2006
- October 2006

Blogger News Network is © 2008 Local Info Company

5 of 5