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Review: *The Michael Schenker Group - Live in Tokyo 1997 DVD*

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[Michael Schenker Group - Live in Tokyo 1997](#)

DVD from *Music Video Distribu*
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The Michael Schenker Group - Live in Tokyo 1997.
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Metal Mind Productions, 236 minutes.
released July 12, 2005

Legendary hard rock / metal guitarist Michael Schenker celebrates his 25th anniversary as a recording artist on this 2005 DVD release. Born on January 10, 1955 in Sarstedt, Germany, truly he is one of the chief architects of hard rock and heavy metal and remains

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a vital guitarist and songwriter. I've never seen him live, mostly due to the fact that he was always overshadowed by the groups that he used to be in and wasn't given a chance to form his own foothold in North America. He's big in Japan, though. I don't recall him every playing my city, Winnipeg.



From reading the back of the DVD case, I was immediately impressed with the huge number of songs included - 40! Schenker was a founding member of The Scorpions and recorded on their 1972 album, Lonesome Crow when he was 15. He then joined the British band UFO from 1973 to 1979, before rejoining the Scorpions for 1979's Lovedrive, and then heading out on a solo career. Schenker's output with UFO coincided with their most popular recordings, including 1977's Lights Out and 1978's Obsession and the massive hit, "Only You Can Rock Me."

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Despite the fact the Scorpion' Love Drive album contains several notable tracks, such as "Loving You Sunday Morning", "Coast To Coast", the title track and "Holiday," only "Another Piece of Meat" is included on the DVD.

It's hard to believe that someone of Schenker's status would release such a bush league DVD. What do I mean by that? There's only one camera used to film the 30-song Tokyo concert!!! Sure, it zooms in once in a while, but it's not as good as a full film crew with multiple cameras.

On the plus side, the sound is acceptable. Schenker's guitar is razor sharp and vocalist David Van Landin is clear as a bell. Due to his classical sounds, you can hear why Schenker was an influence on Yngwie Malmsteen. The guitar playing is glorious. Listening to this DVD as I type away or surf the Internet, I feel like I am reliving the glory days of 70's hard rock, before thrash metal came along and placed more emphasis on speed than melody and whose seriousness took the fun out of music. This music "breathes" and feels less congested than much of the metal that came later and I love it! Obvious non-MSG highlights for me include the UFO classics "Doctor Doctor", "Lights Out", "Only You Can Rock Me" and Contraband's "All The Way From Memphis" (a Mott the Hoople cover.) Even when the songs aren't so hot and sound rather like pedestrian hard rock, Schenker's guitar playing drew me in.

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I have a wide screen stereo TV but not surround sound decoder so I can't tell how great the sound is, but I think once you're into the music, none of that will really matter.

If you're a fan of Michael Schenker, UFO and The Scorpions, you will want to drop the \$18 US price to buy this. How does it compare to last year's "Michael Schenker Group - World Wide Live 2004" DVD? I can't say, since I haven't seen it. That DVD is 105 minutes long and contains 15 tracks along with some interviews. In one interview, Schenker recalls how Chris Logan quit in the middle of a tour and how the group frantically searched for a replacement for that evening at an Internet cafe, and ended up with Leif Sundin. He flew in and had only 30 minutes to prepare for the show. He sang from sheets and they pulled audience members on stage to sing, in addition to getting the opening band's singer join them, as well. The subsequent shows were better received than the Chris Logan shows. Schenker also spoke about how he was asked to join Ozzy Osbourne's band, right after the death of guitarist *Randy Rhoads* and how he was asked to audition for the *Rolling Stones*.

1. In the Search of the Peace of Mind (Scorpions)
2. Doctor Doctor (UFO)
3. Let it Roll (UFO)
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1997 line-up:

Micahel Schenker lead / acoustic guitars

David Van Landin vocals / percussions

Barry Sparks bass / acoustic guitars, backing vocals

Seth Bernstein rhythm / acoustic guitars, backing vocals

Shane Gaalaas drums / acoustic guitar

Leif Sundin vocals / rhythm / acoustic guitars

2000 line-up:

Michael Schenker lead and rhythm guitars

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Shane Gaalaas drums

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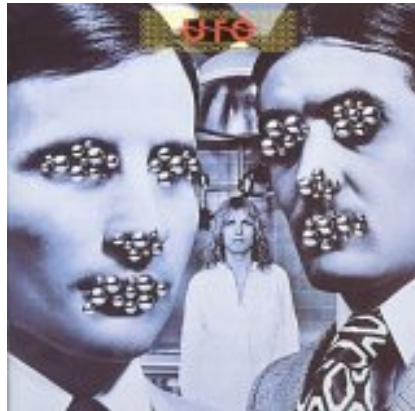
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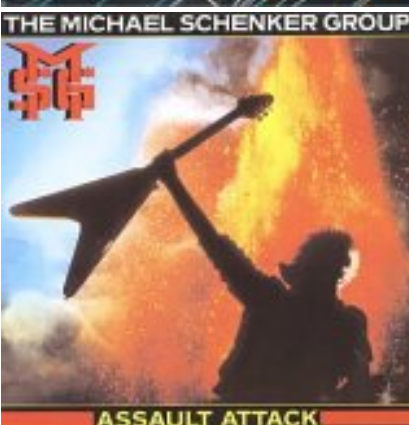
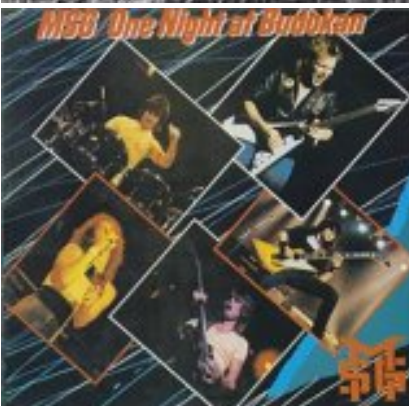
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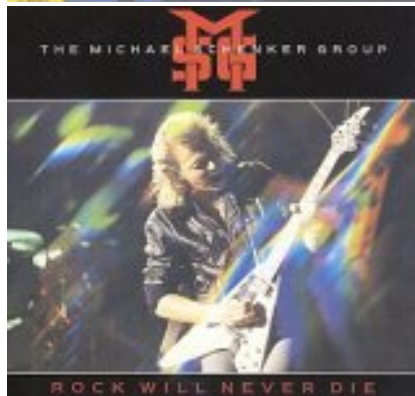
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Comment **1** posted by [Paul Roy](#) on August 22, 2005 07:31 AM:

I've passed on this one so far thanks to the mostly poor reviews. I think you probably summed it up well with the "bush league DVD" description. I heard the same things about World Wide Live too. I own plenty of low budget productions that still turn out great, if the producers have a clue, but I can't stand a poorly produced concert DVD. I saw Schenker a few years ago at a small club in Virginia with Rick Derringer opening for him, and I was not that impressed with the show. Thanks for the great review.

Comment **2** posted by **Rob** on August 22, 2005 10:03 AM:

I was watching a DVD called "UFO Story" this weekend. It was great to see a young Michael Schenker having fun and playing the classics that make UFO special. As with the DVD you're reviewing, there seems to be only one camera filming things. The sound isn't too bad. I think I'll pick up the new DVD for sentimental reasons and to hear Schenker's new takes on some old classics.

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