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HUMAN LEAGUE Live at the Dome Available on DVD August 23, 2005



Oaks, PA- Music Video Distributors and Secret Films are pleased to announce the home viewing release of Human League – Live at the Dome for US distribution on DVD.

This live DVD - filmed in Brighton in December – marks the climax to their hugely successful '03 tour. It can't be called a comeback tour: media exposure of them and their music – in clever car commercials or television rockumentaries - guarantees that the Human League will never lose profile. After all their brand of synth-pop was the sound of the 1980s.

“Listening to the Human League, is like listening to 1980!” These words came from David Bowie in 1979, a year or so before Jo Catherall, Susanne Sulley and the big hits all materialized. The Human League that Bowie referred to was a futuristic synth, vocals and slide-show experience, not a band in the normal sense.

Formed in Sheffield in 1977 by Martyn Ware, Ian Craig-Marsh and singer Adi Newton (and called The Future), former hospital porter Phil Oakey was invited to join, he says, just because he was tall. Adi left (eventually to join Clockdva) and Adrian Wright joined (on visuals and synth) shortly

after their debut single 'Being Boiled' was voted NME's single of the week in summer 1978. It didn't chart then, but got to number 6 when reissued in 1982. But it did help to get them a tie-in with Virgin Records.

Their EP 'Holiday '80' got them on Top Of The Pops, and the next single 'Empire State Human' remains in their set and is featured on this DVD. 1981 was the year that the Human League went Big Time. 'Boys and Girls' was the first single with the girls and another new face, Ian Burden, on bass and synth – it scraped into the charts at 48 in February. A couple of months later 'The Sound Of The Crowd' went to 12 shortly after that guitarist Jo Callis joined from the Rezillos. Then 'Love Action' got to number 3 in July. 'Open Your Heart' reached 6 in October, and everybody's soundtrack for Christmas 1981 was chart-topper 'Don't You Want Me Baby'. These all came from the 5-million-copies-plus Dare album which made the band a mega act on either side of the Atlantic.

Tracklist from The Dome in Brighton UK on December 19, 2003:

Medley: Hard Times/Love Action, Mirror Man, Louise, Snake, Heart Like A Wheel, Darkness, All I Ever Wanted, Open Your Heart, The Lebanon, One Man In My Heart, Human, Things That Dreams Are Made Of, Love Me Madly, Fascination, Tell Me When, Don't You Want Me, Empire State Human, Together In Electric Dreams, and Sound Of The Crowd

Bonus Features include Exclusive Interviews, Roadfilm of the US Tour, and Photo Gallery.

Street Date: August 23, 2005

Retail: \$19.95

Run Time: 180 Minutes

Audio: 5.1 Digital Surround Sound

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