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I did not know who Andrew W.K. was, but the new **Who Knows?** DVD offers 80 minutes of a main program that shows a collage of the long career of the singer and keyboardist on tour, with fans and reflecting on life in general. The result is a primer on the artist and his music, but after all of this and extras, this did not stay with me as much as I wanted it to.

Everyone is interesting and serious about their music, but something is missing. Something journalistic that could say more is absent, though this is meant to fire up fans. The relatively free form is not bad, but maybe one more extra would have helped. The music itself is pretty good and consistent, with the band and audience all fired up. Energy is not lacking here, which is a plus these days with Rock in trouble. Ultimately, it is party music, but maybe next time, we'll get more ironic distance in looking at that party meaning the time and place seem lost throughout beyond anything montage does. Tracks include:

- 1) Violent Life
- 2) Victory Strikes Again
- 3) Long Live The Party
- 4) We Want Fun
- 5) Ready To Die
- 6) It's Time To Party
- 7) Take It Off
- 8) Make Sex



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- 9) Totally Stupid
- 10) Girls Own Love
- 11) She Is Beautiful
- 12) Tear It Up
- 13) I Love NYC
- 14) I Get Wet
- 15) Never Let Down
- 16) Party Hard

The 1.33 X 1 image varies in quality throughout, combining footage from 1992 to 2005 and the booklet explains this is done in part with "synchstacking" so the images follow a soundtrack seamlessly without missing a beat. Some images are in the 1.78 X 1 aspect ration. I do not know if that cut into the sound quality, but I doubt it highly. The film is here in Dolby Digital 5.1 and 2.0 mixes, but both are lacking surrounds and some bass, though the 5.1 has the slightest edge. Extras include a nice full color booklet with text inside the DVD case, four deleted scenes and 14.5 minutes of bonus footage.

- Nicholas Sheffo





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