

Andrew W.K. – Who Knows? Live 2000 – 2004 / 2006 MVD / 75 Minutes /
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Many of the videos that have a concert on them are not officially mandated by the artist themselves. This is not the case with “Who Knows?” as Andrew W.K. is just not a major part of the live performance, but actually narrates for a significant portion of the non-musical sections of the DVD. Of course, for those individuals that wish to hear Andrew W.K. bash through all of the hits of his first two full-length albums (and throwing in “Make Sex” from the AWKGOJ EP), they can do that; the sixteen songs on this DVD showcase every single song individuals should expect from him.

What is really interesting about this DVD is that the footage is taken from different shows and yet Andrew W.K. has enough consistency throughout all of his performances to make it seem as if individuals have bought a ticket for a private, personal show. The personal segments just really clinch it, as it feels as if Andrew W.K. himself is talking directly to you instead of talking to the red eye of a camera. The friendliness and warmth shown by Andrew W.K. should make the rest of the tracks more salient to viewers. This may be the first DVD that I’ve seen in which all of the hits are not stuck at the end; “She Is Beautiful” is a few songs before the finishing tracks of this performance. For those individuals who have only had the chance to hear the first few Andrew W.K. singles, this live show + documentary-ish DVD really opens up an individual’s mind to where Andrew W.K. has been and where he is going.

As is the case with the previous Andrew W.K. albums, this DVD can be slapped on in any party setting and let go on repeat; the performance of each of these tracks is at least as interesting as they were originally on the studio recording. However, what really should be seen as a strength of this DVD is the added features present; strongest of these has to be the voracious Andrew W.K. doing his own “tribute”, which is captured for all to see. The only drawback to this DVD has to be the fact that Andrew W.K. does not have a new album out or coming out in the near future. Individuals only have a small selection of new material to choose from; even the inclusion of lesser-known tracks (those from the AWKGOJ EP) is not necessarily enough to keep individuals interested forever with these materials. The footage is all great, sharp and of a quality that will let listeners really enter the world of Andrew W.K, whether it be in his life or normal persona. It is true that Andrew W.K. is “the king of party music”, both with what gets placed on the finished studio disc and what individuals see when they go into an AWK show; for those individuals who might have missed AWK touring throughout the U.S. and the world, this is a great introduction to the multi-faceted rocker.

Top Tracks: Ready To Die, Make Sex

Rating: 6.3/10

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