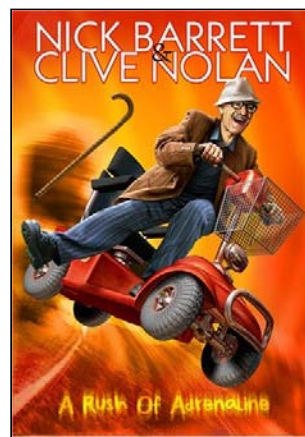


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Barrett & Nolan, Nick & Clive: A Rush of Adrenaline (DVD)

Friends since childhood, guitarist/vocalist Nick Barrett and keyboardist/vocalist Clive Nolan decided to perform some shows as an acoustic duo last year, including the outstanding performance on *A Rush of Adrenaline*, filmed in Katowice, Poland, in June 2005. Unfortunately, the audience is subdued and seems unfamiliar with the music these two men have created during the last two decades in their main bands, Arena and Pendragon, not to mention in such side projects as Shadowland, Strangers on a Train and Nolan/Wakeman. Looking almost like Jon



Anderson and Rick Wakeman on stage, the duo of Barrett and Nolan inject many of the pieces in this 15-song, 85-minute set with dramatically different (although still complex) arrangements and reveal a side of themselves seldom heard within the serious confines of their primary bands. They even include a memorable version of "Two Roads" from Pendragon's *Believe*, not yet released at the time this was filmed. The music obviously sounds lighter, and although the duo's attempts at drinking-related humor falter with the staid audience, Barker and Nolan appear to be enjoying themselves immensely. A 31-minute interview, the highlight of the bonus features, reveals that they approached this laid-back project with a sense of irony – hence, the DVD's title and old-man-racing-motocross cover art. Irony or not, these two musicians prove that progressive music need not be self-indulgent and excessive. After all, good music is good music, and this stuff is *good*. How about a companion CD for the car, gentlemen?

Track Listing:

- 1) The Walls of Babylon
- 2) A Man of Nomadic Traits
- 3) (Don't Forget To) Breathe
- 4) Alaska

- 5) And We'll Go Hunting Deer
 - 6) Mindgames
 - 7) Paintbox
 - 8) Shadows of Fate
 - 9) Lightshow
 - 10) Two Roads
 - 11) The King of the Castle
 - 12) Jigsaw – The Kruhulick Syndrome – Ring of Roses
 - 13) The Voyager
 - 14) Nostradamus
 - 15) The Black Knight
- Plus an interview, discographies, biographies, a photo gallery and computer desktop images

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