

Landmarq: Turbulence-Live in Poland (DVD)

Unappreciated in the United States – and, judging by the polite reaction from the Polish audience where this DVD was filmed, in other countries, too – Britain's female-fronted neoproggers Landmarq deserve at least the same amount of recognition as their peers in IQ, Jadis and Arena. Genre geniuses Clive Nolan and Karl Groom produced Landmarq's earlier releases, and Groom handled mixing and production of this video. Recorded in November 2005 at the Wyspianski



Theatre in Katowice, Poland (where many other Metal Mind Productions DVDs are filmed), *Turbulence* offers a 90-minute, nine-song set of majestic keyboard-dominated prog with ample amounts of aggressive guitar and the beautiful, mighty voice of Tracy Hitchings. Despite bursting with melodies, these are not easy songs to play, let alone sing, but Hitchings gives the subdued crowd its money's worth by belting out epic pieces like "Entertaining Angels" and "Mountains of Anglia." Stage effects and lighting are minimal, allowing the players and their music to carry the performance.

A bonus audio-only section includes live or previously unreleased versions of six additional songs, and the video extras feature bootlegged concert footage and interviews that reveal Landmarq's influences to range from the Beatles to Heart to Cliff Richard.

This is an excellent introduction to Landmarq, and it should help move more copies of its back-catalog as well as generate interest in the band's forthcoming studio CD.

Track Listing-Video:

- 1) Entertaining Angels
- 2) Calm Before the Storm
- 3) Prayer
- 4) Thunderstruck
- 5) Walking on Eggshells

- 6) Landslide
- 7) Timeline
- 8) Mountains of Anglia
- 9) Lighthouse

Track Listing-Audio Only:

- 1) Solitary Witness
- 2) Freefall
- 3) Instrumental Medley (Killing Fields, Cutting Room, Ta'jiang, Narovlya)
- 4) Science of Coincidence
- 5) Summer Madness
- 6) Do or Die!

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