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Dylan - 1966 World Tour (the home movies)

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Through the camera of Mickey Jones

Highway 61 Revisited

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Warning! Don't expect to hear Dylan sing much or see a full live concert... this is very much from Mickey's perspective.

Receiving this DVD in the mail the first thing that is striking is that the packaging does not look like the slick Colombia packaging that all the other Bob Dylan records I have come in and that is the first clue into what this film isn't. Unlike the famous film, which has incidentally never beenn released, "Eat The Document", the official film of this tour filmed by DA Pennebaker, this is not really about Bob Dylan. This is a long winded interview with the drummer of the Band with actually very few pictures of Dylan and hardly a whiff of the music which caused so much of a stir. Any music which does occur is performed by Dylan tribute band Highway 61 Revisited - the need for a tribute band for a guy who has been on tour constantly for over 12 years and is still alive is debateable, but these are the facts.

Mickey Jones was asked to be the drummer with the band, shame for him that this association didn't continue long after the tour and he was replaced for their legendary string of albums, but he somewhat laboriously runs through the negotiations of his pay. For a diehard Dylan fan, who has soaked up every other fact about his life and work may well appreciate the further insight into one of the most dynamic times of his life. For the average but serious fan, who may have read a biography, have a fair few albums,

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this is going to be highly unnecessary.

One of the first things that hits you about this DVD is the sheer amount of name dropping that goes on, then it's the little ditties about how nice each city they stayed in was, which hotel they stayed in and what sites they saw. It's quite nice that this guy has had these experiences, there is a little bit about the Judas shout and what went with that, but to be honest, it doesn't matter... if you were being cynical you'd think this was all about making money, but who knows. There is some footage with other bands but really unless you are a massive fan and naval gazer this is really unlikely to be any interest at all.

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By Robin Dart

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