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The Other Side of Rick Wakeman DVD Review

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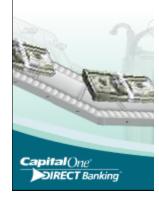
This film is sort of a sequel to Wakeman's The Legend Live in Concert 2000. For that show Wakeman punctuated his musical performance with between-song anecdotes and that format is again followed here, except that this time around Wakeman leaves the electronics at home and works with just a grand piano. It's obvious, too, that Wakeman has worked on his storytelling---his comedic timing is good as he tells stories that go back to well before his stint(s) with Yes.

I don't want to go too into detail here on the comedy bits as I don't want to spoil the "punch lines" for you but one of the funnier moments comes when Wakeman tells about accidentally setting a piano on fire while he was in the studio recording the song "Fire" with Carl Douglas of "Kung Fu Fighting" fame.

Other laughs come when Wakeman recounts cutting a toilet paper jingle and making up his own title for Haydn's "Sonata in D"---"I Wonder if She Has Freckles on Her Tits." Not everything is

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meant to be amusing and one of those instances is when Wakeman tells about working out the piano part of "Life on Mars?" with David Bowie. You'll hear a nice performance of that piece along with Cat Stevens' "Morning Has Broken," the Beatles' "Help" and "Eleanor Rigby" and many cuts from Wakeman's catalog as a solo artist and as a member of Yes.

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