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review: U2: THE COLLECTOR'S BOX

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From their humble beginnings in a Dublin classroom to becoming the most influential band on the planet, U2 are without doubt the most important rock act of the past 20 years. These four friends have remained together against the odds, constantly reinventing the music that has inspired millions of fans around the world. An Unforgettable Journey takes fans behind the scenes to discover what it took for these everyday Irish lads to reach such stunning heights. Using interviews with the band and those who've known them along the way, this documentary takes you where the cameras haven't previously preyed, to achieve an uncensored look at a truly extraordinary band.



I've been a superfan of U2's for about 15 years now (commencing 10 seconds after I heard the opening strummings of "One" for the first time) and through the many stages & phases of musical interests I've gone through over the years, Bono & the boys have been a constant. To this day, their entire discography has a permanent place on my iPod - never leave home without it.

So, I was quite enthusiastic to sit down and watch these documentaries, to see what new golden nuggets of information I could glean from them. Sadly, not much. While interesting, these really are a retelling of information that's already widely known - therein lies the irony, as probably only superfans would want to sit through these, but anyone with even a passing interest in U2 will already know most of what's presented within.

Still, you can't complain about a couple hours of footage on & of the band - no music, unfortunately, but the talent and stellar career of the group is on full display in this collection, and for that it's worth checking out.

Video

Presented in fullscreen aspect ratio, it looks as good as you'd expect a documentary culled from a multitude of interviews and original source material.

Audio

Dolby stereo mix is rather "blah" but there's no music to listen to anyway (since it's unauthorized & all...)

Extras

U2 discography
interactive trivia game

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Closing Thoughts

Informative & somewhat entertainment look at the world's greatest band + midling extras = really only for uber fans

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