



The Pink Floyd & Syd Barrett Story  
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Syd Barrett was and still is a legendary figure in the world of music. His story has been told over and over again. Some people get it right. Some people don't. Some don't even try. I've seen some other releases which failed to capture my attention due to the fact that I'm not a huge Pink Floyd fan. I basically like "The Wall" and that's about it. Needless to say, I wasn't too happy when I had to sit down to watch this release. I have better things to do with my time than to sit here and watch a film about something that I don't really care about. However, this documentary was done right and I think it did a pretty good job telling the Syd Barrett story, probably because they got the story directly from the people who knew him best...the members of Pink Floyd. No one knows what happened better than those guys. They worked with Syd and they experienced both the good and bad times. There was one release that I saw where they had people who maybe wrote about the band or decided to study their career for an article and it was like, "well...maybe he did this...maybe he did that" and "this band member was probably thinking this and that band member was thinking about that" and blah, blah, blah. If you're gonna do a story on someone who many people consider to be a legendary figure, it's not good to just throw any old opinion out there. At least this release goes right to the source and that's the beauty of it. You're not getting second hand information here. If you're a real Syd Barrett fan, this is the release to have...end of story. Besides the main program, you also get a bonus DVD that features that features the complete interviews with Pink Floyd members and acoustic performances by Robyn Hitchcock and ex-Blur member Graham Coxton.

From what I understand, this release has seen the light of day at least three times in the past. I haven't seen the previous versions. So, I can't comment on them. However, from everything I've read, the other reviews seem to agree that this is, indeed, the best version. If you already have a previous version of this one, it may be time to upgrade your collection...again. If you're a fan, I believe it will be worth it for you.

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