The Pink Floyd And Syd Barrett Story

Pink Floyd is widely known as one of the most popular and influential rock bands of all time behind such classic albums as The Wall, Wish You Were Here and The DarkSide Of The Moon. However their remains many unaware of the strange origins of the band, and their original leader and now late-cult figure, Syd Barrett.

Released by Music Video Distributors (MVD) Visual, The Pink Floyd And Syd Barrett Story re-lives the story of Barrett, the original leader, singer, songwriter and guitarist of "The Floyd" and his rise and ultimate fall from grace during the three year he was with the band.
This two-disc set also includes over two-and-a-half hours of extra footage, including in-depth interviews with all the surviving members of the band; Roger Waters, David Gilmour, Richard Wright and Nick Mason.

These unedited interviews reveal some of the haunting stories behind the drug-induced breakdown of the bands' original front man. The film also includes vintage live footage and early interviews with not only the band but also managers, producers, friends, girl friends and fans. Other extras include an extended, 60-minute interview with Waters about his friend and band mate in which he discusses Barrett's music influences, his illness and his last encounter with Syd. There is also an extended interview with Gilmour, who talks about the making of Wish You Were Here and how it came to be written about Barrett.

Having seen a few Pink Floyd/Barrett-related biographies, The Pink Floyd And Syd Barrett Story is arguably the most complete and effective package yet, detailing the Barrett legacy and how it still looms large over the band some 40 years after leaving the band.

Other gems include English-artist Robyn Hitchcock performing two Barrett compositions, "Dominoes" and "It Is Obvious", as well as Graham Cox performing "Love You". MVD Visual will also offer a limited edition run of copies which includes specially-printed envelop packaging with ten items of reproduction memorabilia.

- Joe Milliken