



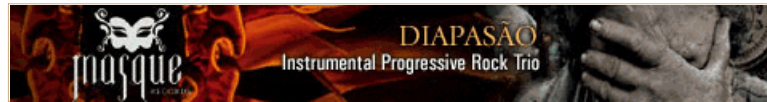
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### 707: Greatest Hits Live

707 were a fairly popular hard rock band from the early 1980's, who released a few albums then kind of faded into obscurity. This archival live release *Greatest Hits Live* from GB Music culls together nine live tracks from a 1981 show in Los Angeles, and represents what was probably the band's live set most of that year, between opening act slots and the occasional headline show. The band had the opportunity to open up for many name acts over their short time together, including a stadium tour with REO Speedwagon, so their brand of gritty yet catchy hard rock was witnessed by many in the time they were together. With Kevin Russell on guitar/vocals, Jim McClarty on drums, Phil Bryant on bass/vocals, and Tod Howarth on vocals/keyboards/guitar (Tod would later go on to play with Ace Frehley, Ted Nugent, and Cheap Trick), 707 created accessible songs punctuated by beefy guitar riffs, a driving rhythm section, and great vocal harmonies. It was music to crank up on the car stereo while cruising around the boulevard, complete with soaring melodies, heavy guitar riffs, and majestic keyboards. While the band's only hit single was the hook-laden "I Could Be Good For You", other tunes like "Live With the Girl", "Rockin' Is Easy", "City Life", and "Tonight's Your Nite" are all memorable anthems, and live they bristle with even more power and emotion. The quality of this recording is pretty good, with all the instruments crystal clear, and the audience reactions left in, giving you the feel of a real live album. The stars of the band were easily Russell and his hot guitar licks and solos, and Howarth, whose silky smooth vocals, crunchy guitar work, and tasty keyboard textures, really added a classy element to the band. It's no surprise that he was in hot demand after the break-up of 707.



So, take a trip back in time on the 707, when heavy rock music was fun...they way it should be.

#### Track Listing

- 1 Live With The Girl
- 2 Feel This Way
- 3 Rockin' Is Easy
- 4 City Life
- 5 Millionaire
- 6 I Could Be Good For You
- 7 Pressure Rise
- 8 Tonight's Your Nite
- 9 You Who Needs To Know

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