



## DVD: Pete York's Super Drumming Volume 3

### Our Take

Back in the late 80's drummer Pete York put together a television series called Super Drumming, which offered a wealth of musical performances from a variety of different drummers and often placed emphasis on their soloing ability. The shows did manage to generate some popularity, and it was enough that nearly twenty years later Germany based In-Akustik has released Super Drumming on DVD in three separate volumes. The first two DVDs were split between "specials", while the newer third volume offers the rest of the material that had been filmed and gives viewers a complete package. And considering that this volume offers nearly three hours of material, if you're a drum fan or like the styles of music offered throughout this disc is a must have.

The performances throughout Super Drumming Volume 3 feature a variety of different drummers and musical styles. If you are familiar with a lot of the more popularized drummers out there, you will be happy to find that there are performances from Bill Bruford, Billy Cobham, Cozy Powell, and plenty of other names. Each one offers their own unique style and technique, and viewers will notice that there are a lot of different genres represented as well. What is interesting about the material on this DVD is the fact that it is split between clips that are meant to emphasize solos and traditional songs. With over three hours worth of performances, this is certainly a lot to take in at once and it seems likely that viewers who pick this disc up will want to watch it multiple times and check out different clips each time to really get the full effect. The wealth of material on Volume 3 is both entertaining and a good representation of some of the better talent out there, which makes it a great purchase.

There are three extra features included on a bonus disc, and these include two lengthy interviews with Pete York and footage of him performing. Though viewers might be wondering why these three features were crammed onto a second disc it seems likely that this is due to the fact that both interviews are available in both German and English. These bonus features may be the type of thing that most people only watch once, but they are very informative and really give you an idea of what York wanted this program to be like and what inspired him to put it together.

If you're interested in drumming or music that really gives emphasis to drum solos and a lot of interesting techniques, you need this DVD in your collection. Whether you plan to watch it solely for entertainment value or are planning to study some of the performances to advance your own techniques, Super Drumming Volume 3 is worth checking out. I'm happy to see that this material is available on DVD, and it's a shame that there doesn't seem to be any modern day version of it on today's airwaves.

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