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DVD Review: The Michael Schenker Group: The 30th Anniversary Concert, Live in Tokyo

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The Michael Schenker Group: The 30th Anniversary Concert, Live in Tokyo

Directed by Shin Yamamoto and/or Kiyoshi Iwasawas

In-akustik GmbH & Co. KG, 2010

135 minutes, USD \$19.95

In-akustik.com

Michaelschenkerhimself.com

MVDvisual.com

When uber German metal flash guitarist Michael Schenker was in his earlier bands Scorpion and UFO during the mid- to late-1970s, well, I was listening to the polar opposite of the Ramones. His music never once came into my radar, though I was aware of the names. Those ensembles were lumped in my mind with every other metal and hair metal band, which sounded like one screechy noise to me. I was on the lo-fi with sloppy guitar groups like the Heartbreakers and much of the rest of the New York Scene. Mind you, there were some amazing guitarists back then, such as Tom Verlaine, Ross the Boss, and the underrated Howard Bowler, but it was a totally different genre (with the Dictators being the closest).

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