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MICHAEL SCHENKER - TEMPLE OF ROCK LIVE IN EUROPE (DVD) - INAKUSTIK

The Temple Of Rock era is what Mr. Schenker calls the third and 'celebration' chapter of his musical career, the first two chapters being excellence and self-expression & experimentation and developing respectively. These European shows certainly try to prove the celebration point as they feature songs from UFO and Scorpions in addition to his own group's material. The presence of various guest musicians and friends on stage further prove the point. Michael Voss makes an appearance on the Live in Tilburg segment and Rudolf Schenker, Jeff Scott Soto and Pete Way jam on stage on the bonus Live at High Voltage Festival segment of the DVD. Other more regular band members include Doogie White, formerly of Rainbow and Yngwie Malmsteen and guitarist/keyboard player Wayne Findlay.

Songs covered and played include Armed And Ready, Another Piece Of Meat, Cry Of The Nations, Shoot Shoot, Doctor Doctor, Lovedrive and other favorites for a total of 19 songs. While it is true that former Scorpions drummer Herman Rareball has writing credit for Rock You Like A Hurricane and Blackout and is - along with Francis Bucholz - a band member here it somehow feels wrong to see these two songs, and perhaps less so the older Scorpions songs, covered by Michael Schenker.

The aforementioned High Voltage Festival bonus includes an additional five songs and there is also a brief 10 minute Before The Show bonus which is a brief glimpse at how the band prepare for a show. Noteworthy being that Schenker spends some of the preparation time alone in a separate room. - Anna Tergel

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