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### MICHAEL SCHENKER

#### TEMPLE OF ROCK: LIVE IN EUROPE

Released November 30, 2012 (Inakustik)

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#### Track List:

01. Into The Arena
02. Armed And Ready
03. Lovedrive
04. Another Piece Of Meat
05. Hanging On
06. Cry For The Nations
07. Let Sleeping Dogs Lie
08. Coast To Coast
09. Assault Attack
10. Before The Devil Knows You're Dead
11. Lights Out
12. On And On
13. Let It Roll
14. Shoot Shoot
15. Rock You Like A Hurricane
16. Rock Bottom
17. Holiday
18. Blackout
19. Doctor Doctor

#### Deluxe Edition Bonus Tracks: Live At High Voltage:

20. Armed And Ready
21. Another Piece Of Meat
22. Rock You Like A Hurricane
23. Hanging On
24. Doctor Doctor

#### Band:

**Doogie White** - vocals  
**Michael Schenker** - guitar  
**Wayne Findley** - rhythm guitar and keyboards  
**Francis Buchholz** - bass  
**Elliott Rubinson** - bass  
**Herman Rarebell** - drums

#### Additional Musicians:

**Michael Voss** - vocals (5)  
**Jeff Scott Soto** - vocals (22,23,24)  
**Rudolf Schenker** - guitar (22,23,24)  
**Pete Way** - bass (22,23,24)

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**Review:**

**Michael Schenker** has toured extensively the past few years since getting his bearings together. His last studio effort, *Temple Of Rock*, received mixed reviews and the line-up for the promotional tour varied from country to country. For instance, in the United States he toured with **Robin McAuley** on vocals yet enlisted different singers and line-ups in other countries.

**Schenker's** new DVD *Temple Of Rock: Live In Europe* is a slick, well produced DVD, shot live in Tilburg, Netherlands. The set is jam packed with **UFO**, **MSG** and **Scorpions** classics -- there are 19 in all. The line-up for this DVD is of course **Michael Schenker** on lead guitar, longtime rhythm guitarist and keyboardist **Wayne Findlay**, former **Scorpions** members **Herman Rarebell** on drums and **Francis Buchholz** on bass along with vocalist **Doogie White** (formerly of **Rainbow** and **Yngwie Malmsteen**). **White** is a great vocalist, however his style doesn't quite fit the **Scorpions**, **MSG** and **UFO** back catalog. He tends to 'over sing' the majority of the songs in the set -- therefore making them difficult to digest at times. While **Schenker** and **Findlay** are clearly into the performance, it's hard to believe that the remaining musicians are -- they just aren't as convincing. There's very little chemistry with the band on stage which makes it for a slightly less than exciting sight.

**Schenker** plays the songs with a fire and urgency that isn't matched by the rest of the band -- which is a shame. Unlike the performance that I witnessed in winter of 2012, *Temple Of Rock: Live In Europe* doesn't measure up... at all. **McAuley** was very charismatic and is more of a showman than **White** is. Granted **White** is a 'better' vocalist, but technique isn't everything obviously. Singer **Michael Voss** makes an appearance for "Hanging On", from the *Temple Of Rock* album, and while a great tune it brings the band's momentum to a screeching halt. A questionable choice in the set is "Rock You Like A Hurricane", which has been played to death -- should I make mention that **Michael Schenker** didn't even play on this song?! Or "Blackout" for that matter -- unlike other **Scorpions** classics like "Lovedrive", "Another Piece Of Meat", "Coast To Coast", and "Holiday" which he is featured on. Sorely missed in the set is the **UFO** classic "Too Hot To Handle" which could have easily replaced the over played and overrated "Rock You Like A Hurricane", or even "Blackout".

My rant aside *Temple Of Rock: Live In Europe* features all the usual suspects -- "Into The Arena", "Armed And Ready", "Cry For Nations", "Assault Attack", "Lights Out", "On And On", "Shoot Shoot", "Rock Bottom", and "Doctor Doctor". Included as a bonus on the deluxe edition are five tracks from **Michael Schenker's** set at 2012's High Voltage Festival. This performance features special guests such as **Scorpions** guitarist **Rudolph Schenker**, **UFO** bassist **Pete Way** and singer **Jeff Scott Soto** (**Journey**, **Yngwie Malmsteen**, **Eyes**). In addition, the DVD also offers a sound-check and footage prior to the band's set. While not the definitive **Michael Schenker** live DVD, *Temple Of Rock: Live In Europe* is a good retrospective of what the influential German guitarist is all about.

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