

Michael Schenker – Temple of Rock: Live in Europe



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Official Synopsis:

Michael Schenker celebrates with excellent musician friends and fans from all of the world the roofing of the era of handmade rock. This Blu-Ray takes you from intimacy to ecstasy all the way from Tilburg, Netherlands to London's High Voltage.

Our Take:

For the uninitiated, Michael Schenker was an early member of Scorpions, and later UFO. If you're not excited by that sentence, then there's probably little on this disc that will convert you to a Michael Schenker fan. That's not to say there's anything bad about this feature, but it's purely and unapologetically guitar-heavy rock with a heavy 80's feel. Schenker's skills as a guitar player are undeniable, and there's a generous amount of material on this disc, culled from two separate performances in 2011 and 2012. Those unfamiliar with Schenker's material are likely to be most familiar with his rendition of Scorpions' classic 'Rock You Like a Hurricane', full of finger tapping guitar pyrotechnic glory.

Audio & Video:

The concert footage is shot tastefully, and moves frequently from wide shots to closeups of the musicians and their fretboards. The sound is decent, albeit the bass is somewhat softened, which is most likely a conscious choice to reserve that frequency space for more guitars. The DTS HD 5.1 mix is strong and crisp, and the picture is clear. All in all, **Temple of Rock: Live in Europe** is a solid concert film release.

Special Features:

Aside from the extra concert, the bonus features are entirely skippable, as the ‘Soundcheck’ and ‘Before the Show’ features offer nothing particularly insightful or interesting, but are probably a nice inclusion for fans who want to catch as much as possible.

- Bonus Concert: Live at High Voltage Festival
- Before The Show
- Soundcheck

Conclusion:

If you’re a fan of Schenker’s work, 80’s infused rock, or just plain old shredding guitars, there’s several hours worth of enjoyment to be found here. If none of that excites you, then feel free to pass on this one.

Overall Picture:

Movie: **B**

Video: **A**

Audio: **A**

Extra Features: **D**

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