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Pendragon - Concerto Maximo CD



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One of neo-progressive rock's finest is captured during one of their finest hours; and where else but the Wyspianski Theatre in Katowice, Poland - holy ground for this type of music. Right off the heels of their latest release *Pure* the band is captured in the moment over three decades after their "**Zeus Pendragon**" inception in 1978 and shows that they are still going strong - prevailing as a band that is able to play music in both the melodic & skillful manner while executing lyrics that are more down-to-earth instead of concepts about spaceships, hobbits, or someone who thought they might have dropped a hit of acid; touching upon the human soul, reminiscing on the past, and dealing with inner demons instead of the ones lurking in another dimension - they know how to keep it creative & interesting at the same time.

And so it goes, the music is still rooted to the same neo-progressive rock structure that these guys have always played, tunes within tunes, moments of clarity, moments of edginess borderlining on the heavy, and a lot of emotion played out with frontman Nick Barrett holding his own as a vocalist and lead guitarist with Clive Nolan's multi faceted ivory work often leading the way alongside multi-instrumentalist/bassist Peter Gee and drummer Scott Higham. Three tunes from *Pure* find their way to this performance, "Eraserhead," "The Freak Show," and "It's Only Me," while engaging tunes such as the opener "Walls of Babylon," "The Shadow," and "Masters of Illusion" portray the band striking the right nerve within the seventeen songs performed here.

They have always been known to put on a tight performance and *Concerto Maximo* proves it, making for a great CD for openers of this band as well as longtime fans who might not get to see these guys live; this is a chance to hear them in a more spontaneous manner. There is a DVD release that was released simultaneously, and it contains all the goodies within the visual aspect that you would expect, but that's a different story.

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