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Legendary Mott the Hoople singer Ian Hunter's 'Strings Attached' a terrific live album

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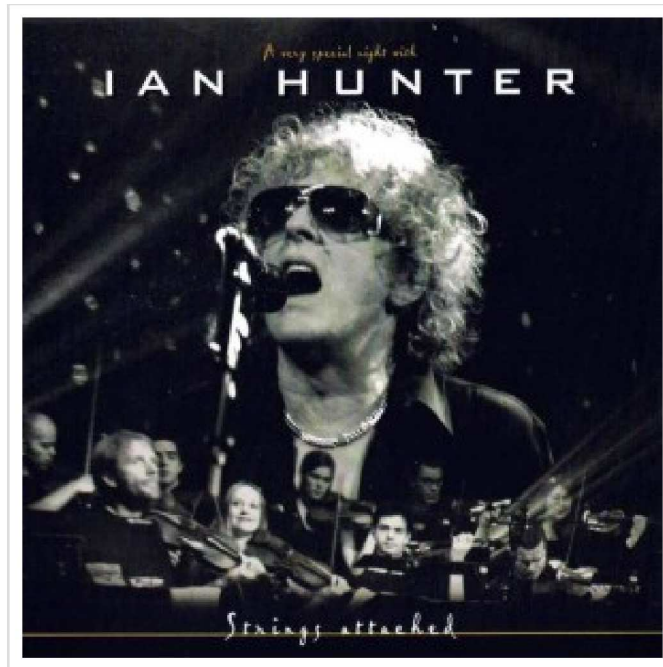


'Strings Attached'

Ian Hunter (Made in Germany Music)

4 stars out of 5

Rock legend Ian Hunter was 62 years old in 2002 when he performed a pair of concerts in Oslo, Norway, with backing support from local string ensemble TrondheimSolistene. Highlights of those show were cobbled together for the two-disc, 19-track live set "Strings Attached," in which Hunter runs through hits from his days fronting Mott the Hoople and as a solo performer.



The strings put a nice spin on familiar tracks like “All of the Good Ones Are Taken,” “I Wish I Was Your Mother,” “All the Young Dudes,” “Once Bitten Twice Shy,” “Ships,” “All the Way From Memphis” and “Saturday Gigs.” Hunter is in good voice throughout and the Norwegian audience helps maintain the energy over the course of 102 thoroughly enjoyable minutes. (*Jeffrey Sisk*)

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