

DVD Round Up

Pallas Moment To Moment Metal Mind Records

Recorded in October last year in Katowice, Poland, this is an excellent performance concert from neo-proggers Pallas. Although the shots in the Wyspianski Theatre are a little claustrophobic at times due to its narrowness, at least on camera, the band themselves are in magnificent form and the concert find them at their best. The music is full of what you would expect from the band; melancholic, energetic, bombastic, powerful; you name it, as they say! The current set is a fine balance of the band's career with older material like Cut And Run, Heart Attack and Queen Of The Deep rubbing shoulders with more modern epics like Ghostdancers and Midas Touch. Metal Mind Records have done their part too, as the sound and visuals are excellent, and whole production is awash with fitting lighting and other effects. There are the usual bonus additions, including Tales From The Tour bus, rehearsal tapes, a jolly interview with Alan Reed and Graeme Murray, photo gallery, and what have you. There is also a limited edition version available with a CD featuring songs from the concert. A treat for the band's fans! **Richard Seymour**

Deep Purple Around The World Live 4-DVD Box Set Eagle Rock EREDV686

Quality and value it includes three full concerts: India 1995, Australia 1999 and, for the first time, UK NEC 2002, plus interviews, bonus live-gig footage and 32-page booklet. There's a new candid, entertaining and enlightening rockumentary with great anecdotes, focussing on the post-Blackmore era and how replacement Steve Morse renewed their energy, optimism and confidence. It has clips of their Swiss mountain-top gig and details of how they got it together for the Concerto Anniversary gigs with Albert Hall footage. The Birmingham NEC concert is particularly moving and special, it being Jon Lord's last gig with the band whilst cleverly introducing successor Don Airey. Don does a superb keyboard solo and there's a slick conjuring trick as he vanishes and Jon unexpectedly appears at the keys to great applause. It also features Jon and Don on keys together; if only all bands could introduce new members like this! **DK**

Australian Made featuring INXS The Store For Music

Way back in 1987, the biggest Australian bands toured the Continent playing in front of 200,000 fans in six cities to showcase the status of Oz talent. This DVD features the highlights from the tour but, at only 52 minutes and twelve songs, you have to wonder why there isn't more material included. INXS get six songs with Melting In The Sun, Burn For You, Mystify, What You Need, The Loved One and Don't Change and this is a neat reminder of just how good a band they were in the 80's and what a showman Michael Hutchence was. The remaining tracks are split between I'm Talking with Lead The Way, The Saints performing Ghostship and The Models (Let's Kiss and Out Of Mind Out Of Sight) and The Divinyls (Temperamental and Only Lonely). The Saints stand out with the female fronted The Divinyls looking an interesting proposition whilst the Models and I'm Talking being run of the mill pop/rock bands. DVD extras are kept to a minimum with a basic biography and discography for each band but the biggest gripe is that the picture quality is poor and the sound awful so this really is one to avoid. **TC**

John Lennon Plastic Ono Band Eagle Rock Entertainment

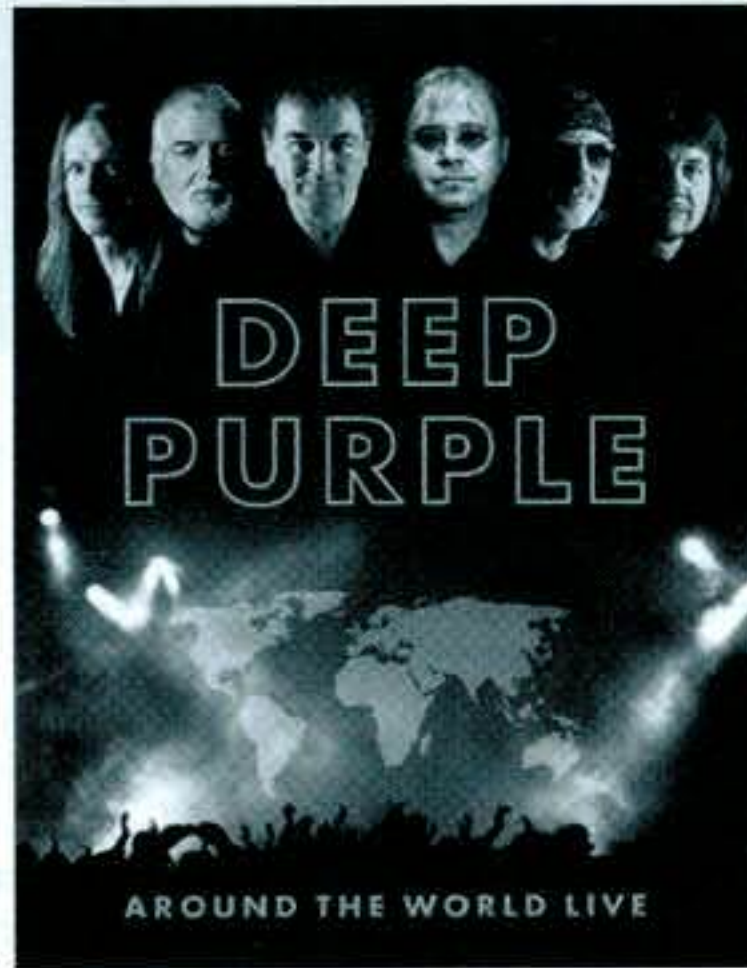
This is the latest instalment in the Classic Albums series and see a warts and all documentary on the creation of the first Lennon solo album since his split with the Beatles. The documentary features contemporary contributions from Yoko Ono, Ringo Star and (bass player) Klaus Voorman as well as a wealth of archive footage. The full story of the album is here as well as an in-depth study of John Lennon and the relationships around him at the time, particularly that with Yoko Ono. The music is dissected and reappraised with a clinical eye and you certainly come out of the DVD with a more analytical insight of the album.

Extra features include classic live performances as well as a wealth of additional material taking this very revealing and detailed study up to 90 minutes but boring it is not.. Lennon was definitely a complicated man and pretty much a tortured soul as shown on the section relating to his Primal Therapy which is rather strange. Remember, this album was released almost 40 years ago now and the Hippy Movement was pretty much in its prime and, as such, much appears comedic now.

I have to say that I was not a fan of Lennon and still cannot understand the hype that surrounds him but this DVD is invaluable if you are a fan and especially so if the album is the soundtrack to your life. **TC**

Heart Dreamboat Annie Live Eagle Vision

This is the DVD of the live show in LA last year by Heart of their debut album Dreamboat Annie, and features the same performance as the CD version reviewed in the last issue. The DVD includes the entire performance as well as a 10 minute interview with the Wilson sisters explaining some of the history of the band and the inspiration behind the songs on the album. The performance itself features the band enhanced by the Stockholm Strings which allows for some slightly different arrangements of some of the tracks. Ann Wilson's voice has matured to a deeper and huskier version of the voice on the original album and this also gives some of the songs a different feel, particularly Soul Of The Sea. All the encores are included as well as some extra performances from the LA County Fair, photo galleries and fan interviews. Hopefully there will soon be a proper re-issue of the original album! **Miles Bartaby**



Other DVDs to look out for

Down Tracks ...

The Music That Influenced Bob Dylan

featuring the music of Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, Hank Williams, Mississippi John Hurt, Rev. Gary Davis, Leadbelly and many more (Eagle Vision)

Johnny Halliday Live at Montreux (Eagle Vision)

Steve Earle Live From Austin TX (New West Records)

Albert Collins Live From Austin TX (New West Records)

Clarence Gatemouth Brown - Austin City Limits - Live From Austin TX (New West Records)

Roy Buchanan Live From Austin TX (New West Records)

Tattooed Forever - This Is 80s Hair Metal featuring Great White, Hawkwind, L.A. Guns, Poison etc.

America Live at the Ventura Theater with Andrew Gold & Stephen Bishop

Believe - Yesterday Is A Friend (Metal Minds Records)

Daavid Allen's University of Errors (Voiceprint)

Soft Machine - Alive In Paris 1970 (Voiceprint)

all to be covered next time ...