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May 7 : KISS - Interviews DVD - KRR review

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It seems that UK label Wienerworld Ltd. is starting to be one of the main companies these days when it comes to releasing KISS rare interview DVD's. Another DVD entitled "KISS - Interviews" is planned for a May 23 release.

"KISS - Interviews" contains rare and exclusive uncut interviews, plus footage of former band members and also of crew members from the road.



KISS - Interviews (review by Jelle Jansen / KRR)

The first chapter runs about 15 min and contains footage of "the shooting of The Crazy Crazy Nights" promo video, shot on August 8, 1987 at Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles. After a short segment of the fans standing in row outside the arena just before the shooting, you'll get to see about 2 minutes of rare performing footage taped during the shoot. Because of the music rights the backing music heard during this footage has nothing to do with KISS ... (I know there circulates a 30 minute video of the shooting in the trading circuit):

This chapter also contains an uncut 8 min. interview with Paul Stanley and Gene Simmons taped during the same day. Topics include the 'upcoming album', Ron Nevison, planning a tour, the fans. The 2nd part of the first chapter is a 4 min. interview with Gene Simmons (with his hair in a ponytail) from ca. 1986, which topics incl. Wicked Lester, the first KISS show, shooting of the HBO episode of "The Hitchhiker - OD Feelin'", Tom Selleck ("Runaway") ... acting vs. his music career...

The second chapter runs about 8 min. and probably is the highlight of this DVD release. Private video footage taped during June and July 1990 on the "Hot In The Shade" tour, which contains rare soundcheck and backstage footage (with a very funny Eric Carr), Bruce Kulick and Gary Gorbett (on a piano) jamming on a blues track backstage (very cool !!), Eric Carr and his girlfriend, while Bruce is peeing (funny!), closing with backstage footage where Gene hangs out with Dana Strum, ... and even Eric Singer ...

Chapter 3 is an uncut video shoot with Paul Stanley and Gene Simmons to raise money for The T.J. Martell Foundation, taped ca. 1990 and runs about 4 min.

Chapter 4 is a five and half minute long Paul Stanley interview prior to the "Asylum Tour" 1985. Topics incl. the TV stations not playing the video for "Who Wants To Be Lonely", "probably the next video will be for "Uh ! All Nite" ...; Paul Stanley in the movies ...; The upcoming tour, and the PMRC.

The final chapter is a 5 minute interview wherein KISS (Ace, Paul, Gene and Peter) announce "The Farewell Tour" taped February 2000, simply because the band "Wanna Go Out On Top!

Overall, the total length (37 minutes) of this DVD is maybe a little short. On the other hand you get to see some rare private camera footage from the "Hot In The Shade" tour you probably haven't seen before. The picture quality is okay, especially when you compare these with 80' and 90's interview video-DVD's circulating in the trading circuit ...

Besides that, it's always interesting to see and hear how the members of KISS handles their answers and quotes years ago, while time learns that over the years the situation is always changing ... (mostly in favor of the fans...)

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