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Neo – Broadcast DVD**2007 Metal Mind Productions/MVD Visual**

This band is what you would consider a 'neo-prog' fanatic's wet dream, and yet these guys admit that they took their name tongue-in-cheek from the whole 'neo-progressive' rock genre, it's no surprise considering that **Neo** is a supergroup that consists of members of Jadis, Arena, Shadowland, IQ, Pendragon, Frost* (RIP), the Martin Orford Band, and Pallas, which literally came together to play covers of songs from all the groups they play in a whole new light. The core of the band features Mark Westwood, Clive Nolan, John Jowitt and Andy Edwards, with guest appearances from Alan Reed and Nick Barrett; and there is a lot of material that is performed, covering the bases.

Considering that most of these 'anchor' bands are just coming to light, especially in the states, rising up from the underground, **Neo** is an outlet to expose the music & regenerate it to an audience. They run through tracks such as IQ's "Erosion" (where Jowitt sings lead), Pallas' "Hide and Seek," the ethereal Arena tune "The Hanging Tree," and eventually closing out with the Pendragon standard "Nostradamus," among others. Filmed at the majestic Teatr Slaski in Poland, the performance is tight with multiple camera angles used (a crane was utilized in many cases), and the wide-screen picture quality does not have that harsh digital texture to it where the overall feature has film warmth; the sound is also excellent.

As bonuses, you get soundcheck performances, plus an interview with both Nolan and Jowitt where they give us the background to **Neo** in their own words with humor. Band member profiles & desktop images are also included. *Broadcast* is the very first and only release from the band, marking another way of helping expose the 'second wave' of the neo-progressive rock movement to newer audiences, and what better/appropriate way to make it an audio/visual release. This is a must for fans of the bands listed above, but it makes you wonder, will these guys ever get together and get together and record some originals?

Complete Tracklisting:

Overture, Erosion, For the Greater Glory, Hide and Seek, Crown of Thorns, The Hanging Tree, The Enemy Smacks (End Section), Mindgames, Outer Limits, Shadows of Fate, Paintbox, Masters of Illusion, Nostradamus.

Added: May 5th 2007

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Score: ★★★★★

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