

THE ZOMBIES

ODESSEY & ORACLE (REVISITED)

ROD ARGENT • COLLE BINGSTON • CHRIS WHITE • HUGH GRUNDY

THE 40th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

LIVE AT THE SHEPHERD'S BUSH EMPIRE, LONDON, 2008



"Real shows down the same stuff... Amazing! The interpretation... Deserves to be reissued... Brian Wilson's contribution... come back for its impeccable accuracy and up-to-date... The Score

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Live at the Shepherd's Bush Empire

MVD Visual

The performance begins with Rod Argent explaining that forty years prior to this show, *Odessey & Oracle* was released and that, for the first time, they will play *Odessey & Oracle* in its entirety with the original (surviving) members of the Zombies. They will also play selected songs from various other projects under the moniker "The Zombies' Touring Band". One word to describe this would be: nice!

For those that haven't heard *Odessey & Oracle* in its entirety, the album would surely be included on any respectable all-time Top 10 psychedelic pop albums list. Having the *Odessey & Oracle* segment as part two of the evening and DVD track listing makes the anticipation unbear-

able, especially when there is a skip chapter function.

Al Kooper introduces *Odessey & Oracle* to the awaiting crowd, dressed in a suit that looks like a Don Cherry design for Elton John. That in itself is enough to check this DVD out, spare the obvious fact that it is filled with fabulous music.

The band seems enthusiastic and the crowd is extremely receptive. The band is well prepared and the live renditions are near flawless. It is somewhat bizarre seeing such a vibrantly youthful album performed by a bunch of older dudes.

The documentation of the performance is a service to all Zombie fans and the production is top notch. This performance is required viewing for all those that fell in love with the classic and timeless album.

• Whitney Ota