

## The DVD-Laser Disc Newsletter

### **Zombies come back to life**

A nice revival concert for a group that broke up before any of their songs became hits, **The Zombies Odessey & Oracle {Revisited} The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert Live at the Shepherd's Bush Empire, London, 2008**, has been released by MVDvisual (UPC#760137489696, \$20). Running 111 minutes, the show essentially depicts the musicians getting together and having fun making the music they used to make, but their vocals are still in relative harmony and, since they didn't have all that much material, they play absolutely everything they're known for, including *Time of the Season* and *She's Not There*. The important thing is that they really seem to be enjoying themselves, and it rubs off on the viewer as readily as their catchy music.

The picture is presented in letterboxed format only, with an aspect ratio of about 1.78:1 and an accommodation for enhanced 16:9 playback. The stage lighting is often heavily colored, which can lead to a slight blurriness here and there, but most of the time the image is sharp and hues are fresh. The 5.1-channel Dolby Digital sound has a modest dimensionality with minimal separations, but is clearly delivered. There is no captioning. Also featured is a 14-minute collection of retrospective interviews that explains the history of the band and how their hits came about.