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## **Zombies: Odessey and Oracle: The 40th Anniversary Concert**

Forty years after its debut, the **Zombies' Odessey & Oracle** remains a highly listenable gem from the halcyon days of rock 'n' roll. Each of the songs on the album unfolded like a short story, while the splendid harmonizing added an almost operatic feel to the lyrics. Ironically, at this pinnacle of the group's success, it disbanded, and the album was never performed live on stage. In March, 2008, the band's four surviving members -- **Rod Argent, Colin Blunstone, Christ White, Hugh Grundy** -- reunited for a series of concerts, built around the 12 O&O tracks. The concert, which also features other hits by the Zombies and off-shoot groups, was dedicated to **Paul Atkinson**, the fifth member, who died in 2004.

- Gary Dretzka