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DVD chronicles Michael Jackson's death, last days

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RockCity Entertainment and MVD Visual have released "Michael Jackson — Life & Times of The King of Pop 1958-2009," a DVD chronicling Jackson's last days, along with the public memorial service that brought fans and mourners from every corner of the world to the Staples Center in Los Angeles on July 7, 2009.



Michael Jackson

The 79-minute documentary, written, produced and directed by Wilson Ebiye and edited by Rick Burton, begins with beautiful footage and images that span Jackson's incredible life and career, but quickly turns dark, as we hear the infamous "911" call that emanated from the mansion that he was renting as he prepared for his much-hyped "This Is It" concert series.

We then see the arrival of the ambulance, fire department (yes, the fire department) and other first responders who transport the acclaimed King of Pop to UCLA.

In the aftermath, a visibly distraught Jermaine Jackson holds a press conference on behalf of the family, and there is worldwide reaction to the shocking news.

"Life & Times of The King of Pop 1958-2009" features appearances at the memorial service by celebrities and entertainers including Usher, Janet Jackson, Jermaine Jackson, The Jacksons, Berry Gordy, Brooke Shields, Magic Johnson, the Rev. Al Sharpton, Stevie Wonder and Lionel Richie.

Wilson Ebiye, president and CEO of RockCity Entertainment states, "The Life and Times of the King of Pop 1958-2009" is a great companion piece to "This Is It." The film is a concerted effort to preserve and protect Michael's legacy of humanitarianism, peace and love."

"Michael Jackson — Life & times of The King of Pop 1958 — 2009" is basically a highlight reel of depressing images that are already ingrained in my memory from the hours of actual news coverage that I watched immediately following Jackson's shocking and untimely death on June 25, 2009. Having literally grown up with Michael Jackson, I personally would rather remember the happy times, but some MJ fans may want to have this realistic and thorough documentation of the final chapter of his amazing life story.

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