

Colosseum - The Complete Reunion Concert: Cologne 1994 (DVD, Angel Air Waves)

Begun in the 1960s, the guys in **Colosseum** burned out rather quickly and disbanded in 1971. This DVD features the band's reunion concert...23 years later (!)...in Cologne. **Colosseum** is/was **Jon Hiseman**, **Chris Farlowe**, **Dick Heckstall-Smith**, **Clem Clempson**, **Mark Clarke**, and **Dave Greenslade**. The band begins with a lengthy and speedy instrumental ("Those About To Die") before vocalist Farlowe joins in with his odd bluesy presence. Chris provides the perfect visual focal point (he's a strange one to watch), while the musicians show why each has become legendary in their own careers. **Colosseum** truly was the perfect merging of blues with progressive rock. The rhythm section is dense and thick...while the heady guitars and keyboards drive the music forward. In addition to the concert, this DVD includes a 90 minute documentary entitled "The Story of Colosseum." This is recommended for fans of the band as well as anyone interested in progressive rock bands from the twentieth century. Good entertainment value here. (Rating: 4+++++)



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