

Gillan Live in Edinburgh 1980 MVD

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Comments: Ian Gillan's solo career, who is known for his work with the legendary Deep Purple, was captured on film by Scottish TV in 1980 and now has been transferred to DVD here in 2006. The DVD highlights Gillan's solo career during his height of success in '80, Gillan's release studio release *Glory Road* entered the U.K. charts at #3 and the band was doing a heavy dose of touring.

The band that Ian Gillan surrounded himself with included Bernie Torme, John McCoy, Robin Guynew, Colin Towns and Mick Underwood. The DVD captures the band's raw energy. Torme burns up the fret board as Gillan leads the band through 5 of their songs. The initial performance is a brief look into the band's live rampage.

The quality is what you expect from footage that is 26 years old. The are 3 songs included from most probably a fan's video collection, like "Vengeance," "Smoke On The Water" and "Sleeping On The Job," which features grainy footage but a decent enough audio.

The DVD features include a performance of "Cannonball" by G.M.T. (featuring ex-Gillan members Bernie Torme, John McCoy and Robin Guynew). In-depth interviews with Bernie Torme, John McCoy, Colin Towns and Mick Underwood give a comprehensive history of the group from those most intimately involved with the group.

For those reminicing one of their favorite groups of the early '80s, this is a must have DVD.

HRH Rating: 7/10

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