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Gillan

Live Edinburgh 1980 DVD

*Angel Airwaves*

“Archive footage of the band, the myth and the man commonly known as Gillan...”

You have to wonder about the timing of this release given that Ian Gillan has just released his new album, “Gillan’s Inn”, coincidence or timed accordingly? Makes you think doesn’t it? Well, it would if it wasn’t common knowledge that nothing happens by coincidence in the music business. The term doesn’t exist, everything is planned, worked out to the last millisecond, nothing is left to chance. So, a DVD and a new album within the same week? Welcome to world of rock-n-roll kiddie winks...

Right then, following on from the album, you get a pretty good DVD. Sure, the “concert” footage was filmed for STV in 180, and you get a measly five songs, but it’s the bonus features that really stand out on this DVD, especially the documentary that traces the history of Gillan (the band that is), through interviews with John McCoy, Bernie Torme, Colin Towns etc., that actually becomes the centre piece of the DVD for me, filling in a lot of blanks, and rounding out the Gillan story nicely. Add some bonus tracks, and you’ve got a nifty little slice of history that for once focuses on one of British metal’s often unsung and often forgotten, best bands. About bloody time I reckon...

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