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DVD Review: Steve Hogarth – H: Naked in the Chapel

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Steve Hogarth from the Prog-Rock group Marillion decided to do a one-off gig at the Union Chapel in London England in September 2007. The show is Steve Hogarth aka “H” in a solo setting with him and a piano. “**H: Naked in the Chapel**” proved just how “naked” he gets in this show.

Hogarth proves throughout the show what a storyteller and comedian he can be, talking about past gig incidents and make Marillion jokes with the audience. He shows what a true jokester he is, like playing song requests at the piano long after the audience is gone. The audience really proved to enjoy his company and his humor throughout the show. The audience packed around 730 into the chapel and showed that they were true Marillion fans.

For those of you who don't know, Marillion has been around since the 80's. Originally formed with lead singer Derek Dick aka Fish, Fish then left the band in the 90's and Steve Hogarth filled in, and has been singing with the group ever since. Hogarth proved throughout the show, he didn't want the audience to get bored. That's why he kept joking with them. So he decided to make the show a request show, as people were yelling out requests.

One of the problems with the DVD though, is there are mute moments when there is no sound, but it eventually comes back quickly. Though, I know that's from the microphone and the sound guy.

Some song selections that were great included Marillion songs like “Three Minute Boy,” “Beyond You,” the gorgeous “Afraid of Sunlight” “A Collection” and “Fantastic Place.” He also did his great solo song “Cage” from his solo album *Ice Cream Genius*, and some amazing covers of Tom Robinson’s “War Baby,” Peter Green’s “Man of the World,” Elvis Presley’s “In the Ghetto,” and Leonard Cohen’s “Famous Blue Raincoat.”

One thing I commend to Hogarth, is he doesn’t even care when he cracks like he does in this. This DVD really shows him without all the digital editing and anything put on his voice....just naked.

Reviewed by Kevin Pollack

Rating: 3/5

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