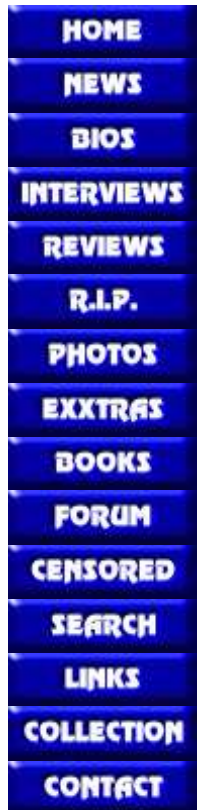


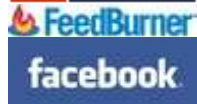


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MICHAEL SCHENKER GROUP LIVE & LOUD

Released 2009 (Rockline Records)

Track List:

01. Doctor Doctor
02. Assault Attack
03. Written In The Sand
04. Attack Of The Mad Axeman
05. Feels Like A Good Thing
06. Lights Out
07. Captain Nemo
08. History
09. History II

Band:

Leif Sundin - vocals

Kelly Keeling - vocals

Michael Schenker - lead/acoustic guitars and backing vocals

Barry Sparks - bass, acoustic guitars and backing vocals

Shane Gaalaas - drums and acoustic guitars

Seth Bernstein - keyboards, acoustic guitars and backing vocals

Wayne Findlay - keyboards, rhythm guitars

Review:

Before you think *Live & Loud* is a fresh live album from the recently reunited **Michael Schenker** and **Gary Barden**, think again. *Live & Loud* is a nine song compilation which consists of live tracks culled from 1997's *The Michael Schenker Story Live* and 1999's *The Unforgiven World Tour: Live*.

Oddly enough there's a studio version of "Written In The Sand" with **Kelly Keeling** on vocals from 1999's *The Unforgiven* included here, and even more odd are the two tracks that round out this album. Those two songs, entitled "History I" and "History II", are simply narrative tracks - the first being in English and the second in German. Notable performances on *Live & Loud* are "Doctor Doctor" and "Assault Attack" from *The Michael Schenker Story Live* and "Captain Nemo" and "Lights Out" from *The Unforgiven World Tour: Live*.

I look at *Live & Loud* similarly to the budget compilations that you'll see on the truck stop counter that are strategically placed as you go to pay for your fuel, or the impulse buys that are stocked and placed with a band's regular catalog at the big box stores. There is little thought put into these collections and the goal is to keep them in print for a short period of time, make a few bucks, and move on.

Neither **Michael Schenker** nor his handlers had anything to do with this CD. If you pick up *Live & Loud* you will sample some of **Schenker's** work, and if nothing else, this could open the door for a



fan to look deeper into the **MSG** back catalog.

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Reviewed by Ruben Mosqueda for [Sleaze Roxx](#), December 2009.

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