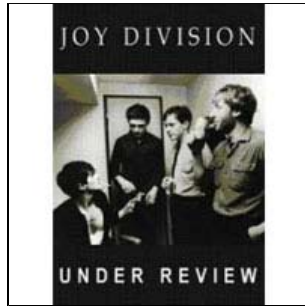


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Joy Division

Under Review

MVD Visual release for Sexy intellectual

Calling all Joy Division fans! Turn your Joy to elation as you wrap your eyes around this new Study of the band that inspired generations of dystopic minds towards a united kingdom.

The scrutinising eye is cast over Joy Division once more in this eulogy to their brief existence. For 70 minutes this documentary chronicles their journey from a Sex Pistols inspired start of obscurity to the fame amassing ending of Curtis' earthly departure who's legacy is still seen in contemporaries such as Killers, Editors etc..

Acknowledging the existence of FilmFours Biographical take in '24 Hour party...' this MVD production uses samples of said film to illustrate certain points whilst also using previously unseen archive footage and interviews with Curtis alongside unseen photo stills of the band to great effect.

Also on hand to offer more insights into the inner workings of the band at this time are commentators such as renowned Manchester Punk author, musician and journalist John robb, Former NME and Melody Maker editor Barney Hoskyns, and ex- wife of Tony Wilson - Lindsay Reade, amongst others.

Different viewpoints of critics can at times contradict and create a blurring of meaning which causes confusion in the overall message attempted in conveyance; with a scene in which Mick Middles, co-author of Joy Division biography, stating "they bent the music around [Curtis'] lyrics...following his lyric line would drive a song" compared with John Robb's "Most people in bands don't really listen to what a singers singing about". These do not hinder the documentary in anyway however, involving only minor aspects of the story.

Their shared knowledge helps to resonate the contexts of the times and produce a better understanding of what was occurring throughout the lives of the band dispelling myths and filling in gaps that Division fans may have previously pondered.

Also included in the extras is the full transcription of the rare Ian Curtis audio interview and 'the hardest Joy division Quiz in the world ever'.
Joy Division- "Too good for the Nazis"

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