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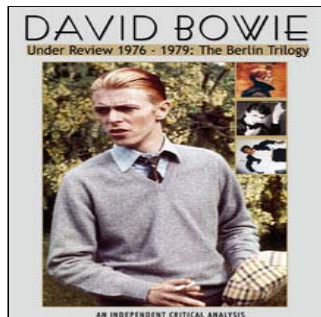
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## David Bowie

Under Review DVD

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## UNDER REVIEW 1976-1979: THE BERLIN TRILOGY

David Bowie is sexy. Other than this statement and being able to quote every line of Labyrinth my love of David Bowie was pretty basic. The difficulty of shifting from an enthusiast to a full time member of Bowie cultdom is that there is so much to choose from. The man has well over 20 albums starting in the 70's which has always assured me that there is a lot of crap to sort through. So I left well alone aside from picking up what I could at thrift stores for a dollar. Under Review has changed this.

Under Review is a baby's first step into understanding the genius of Bowie. It gathers a handful of European geeks (along with 1 or 2 fellow Berlin musicians from this era who had ties to Bowie), sits each one in front of the camera, and has them dissect Bowie's 3 Berlin Albums: Low, Heroes, and Lodger. This does not exactly happen. If you sit a post-pubescent (but not really) music encyclopedia in front of the camera to preach about one of thee most important figures of modern music, the topic is not going to stay focused. This is what's so great about Under Review. It's the cliff notes to Bowie in the 70's which were obviously his most inventive as well as the most difficult to speak intelligibly about. Under Review explains Bowie's transition from the coke induced London rock, to the coke induced Hollywood rock, to the retreat of Berlin's avant-garde artistry. This DVD holds your hand through Bowies musical relationships (such as Brian Eno and Iggy Pop), theorizes on his influences, and provides back up examples from rare interviews and live/studio performances. It is a must for anyone who has any basic appreciation for Bowie and will have you geeking out on Bowie-ology within the first 15 minutes. In my humble opinion I consider this DVD to be a triumph in that it honors the music it represents. Bravo.

I recommend this DVD for anyone who is sick of that arrogant asshole/bitch at your record store that makes you feel like a retard for asking a question.

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