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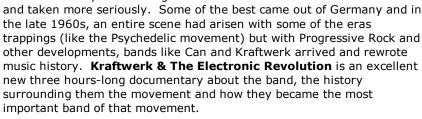
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Kraftwerk & The Electronic Revolution (MVD DVD)

Picture: C+ Sound: C+ Extras: C Main Program: B

So much Dance genre music and pieces of Hip Hop, Rock and even Pop have so much of an electronic component, what once seemed weird is now both banal and shallow, but there was a time when electronic music was always interesting



While Wendy Carlos was doing Bach and Stanley Kubrick films, the various German bands were finally finding a form of German music without any outside influences, which was not easy considering the huge successes of Motown, The Beatles and California Rock. However, many of the bands still had some loose connections to those or other outside ideas. Can (whose catalog just arrived on Super Audio CD) had singing that might remind one of Yes or Santana to some extent, but Kraftwerk were pushing into new direction, breaking new ground and Germany would finally solidify a post-WWII music identity a quarter-century after its fall

Even with three hours, a band like Can and the many others who also came up with great albums only get so much coverage, so separate volumes should be produced on them, but you do get the best impression possible of the time with plenty of informative information to match. In the end, you can see how all the bands and Kraftwerk in particular changed world music and influenced the New Wave and Punk to some extent, plus were one of the few forerunners of a band as important as DEVO. Best of all, this shows how good, unique and talented they were outside of the robo-stereotype of them that is often done in fun. You will realize how underrated and key they are, which makes this required viewing for all serious music fans.

The 1.33 X 1 image has some letterboxed 1.78 X 1 images, but all looks good considering the older footage, which is in decent shape and new materials look good too. The Dolby Digital 2.0 Stereo is plays the music and interviews back very well. Extras include text on the contributors, weblink info, a 5-minutes-long Krautrock Divide Special Feature: The Düsseldorf Scene vs. The Berlin Scene and Extended (10.5 minutes) Interview: Karl Bartos: I Was A Robot. All are must sees.

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