

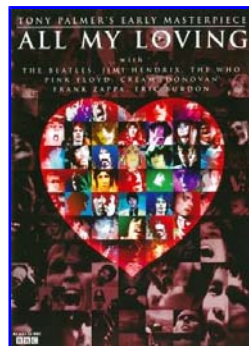
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“It’s not a matter of who’s going to let us, it’s who’s going to stop us?”

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Directed By Tony Palmer

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The theme of Tony Palmer’s 1968 BBC produced documentary All My Loving is stated by a music publicist during the hedonistic pop explosion of mid-60’s London. The publicist, when discussing the music of such trendsetters as The Who , Floyd, Hendrix , Zappa, Donovan , and, oh yes ,The Beatles states that , “the Product will sell easily if the sound is right.” This statement certainly foreshadows the next four decades in the music industry; however, it cannot be assumed that this documentary, just released on DVD, is meant as a criticism of the movie industry. It is a definitive account of its time.

The archival footage of The Who is just spectacular, especially the material from 64-65. Frank Zappa states some early anti -war sentiment, which segues into the mix of fashion, raw innovative musical experimentation, and a freedom to do whatever the hell you wanted, as long as it was unique, that was so prevalent a part of the 60’s.

Interestingly enough, Anthony Burgess, author of A Clockwork Orange, states in the documentary that he fears many musicians in the 60’s era being considered to be deities, when in fact they should be considered only in the light of what they are...entertainers. Interesting observation from Burgess in 1968, especially when looking at the Lohan, Hilton and Spears debacles of today.

This documentary is a valuable piece since it truly captures the period it is examining because it was produced and released in 1968 , a pivotal year in history and the eve of an approaching avant garde period in rock music. There is also bonus material on the making of the documentary.

By William “Moose” Roberts

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