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The PINK FLOYD/SYD BARRETT Story Due Out on DVD

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MVD Visual has announced the DVD release of the personal and candid profile of the once effervescent musician and now cult figure of Syd Barrett (PINK FLOYD). This new definitive edition, due out on September 18th, includes two discs with over 2 1/2 hours of DVD extras, including lengthy unedited interviews from all members of the Pink Floyd. It's a limited edition run of 5,000 in the Oyster Box packaging with ten items of reproduction memorabilia in a special printed envelope. After the limited edition has sold out, the double disc version will be then packaged in a standard plastic double DVD box.

The Pink Floyd and Syd Barrett Story retells the fascinating story of the start of one of the largest and most influential bands in rock and the drug induced breakdown of their original song writer and lead man. Roger Waters, Dave Gilmour, Nick Mason and Rick Wright retell how Syd's slip from reality haunted the band for many years and this is clearly demonstrated in the tracks Shine On You Crazy Diamond and Wish You Were Here. The film incorporates rare early footage of the band performing; including a live show at the UFO Club, and an appearance with former landlord Mick Leonard on Tomorrows World. There are also insights from former girlfriends, landlords, flat mates, producers, managers, friends and famous fans.

As one of the most famous creators and characters of the psychedelic era, Syd Barrett had not conducted an interview or released music between the early seventies and his recent passing, yet his self-imposed anonymity still fascinates fans old and new. The original songwriter for Pink Floyd was only with the band for a vibrant 3 years when he left in 1968, yet when the band released their greatest hits album in 2001 Syd had written over a fifth of the tracks. It's been nearly 40 years since Syd Barrett left the band, yet mystery still surrounds this prodigy of rock.

This fascinating documentary traces the creative and personal tumult of Barrett's days with Pink Floyd, and the fallout from his psychedelics induced breakdown.

Extra Include:

Roger Waters on Syd Barrett - An extended sixty minute interview of Roger Waters talking about Syd, which includes Syd's musical influences, his illness, the last time he saw Syd.

Dave Gilmour on Wish You Were Here - Extended interview of Dave Gilmour talking about how

Wish You Were Here came to be written about Syd.

Robyn Hitchcock performing 'Dominoes' and 'It Is Obvious'

Graham Coxon performing 'Love You'

Detailed biography of Syd Barrett

These extras consist of never-before-seen footage and the sound quality of the DVD is outstanding in Dolby Digital 5.1 and DTS surround sound.

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