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UFO

The Story of UFO: Too Hot to Handle MVD

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Comments: To the curious, UFO may be a nostalgia act, which have carried over from the height of their success in the '70s, to minor relevance in the '80s and sparked up again during the '90s and into '00s, as fans new and old rediscovered the band. Initially built on the shoulders of the wiz kid from Germany, Michael Schenker, UFO with Phil Mogg (v), Pete Way (b), Paul Raymond (k)(g) and Andy Parker (d), the band inspired many of the United Kingdom's future rockers such as Steve Harris of Iron Maiden and Phil Collins from Def Leppard.

Too Hot To Handle documents the bands career from 1974 on, and features rare footage during the Michael Schenker era along with more recent live footage. Chock full of interviews with the band and others, the DVD presents a retrospective look at their career. With 17 UFO classics, including "Shoot Shoot," "Rock Botton," "Young Blood," "Doctor Doctor," "Love to Love," and "Backdoor Man," this is a real treat for die hard fans.

Originally released on VHS, the sound quality is bit suspect, but is more than adequate in providing a visual and audio time line of some UFO's best songs live. The inclusion of interviews with Steve Harris (Iron Maiden), Joe Elliott (Def Leppard) and others help with the understanding of how UFO influenced countless other musicians who went on to have a successful music career.

Sadly, UFO never broke it big in the U.S.A. With the band ready to tackle their first U.S.A. tour in the late '70s, Michael Schenker went AWOL, leaving the band in dire straits. Sckenker reemerged in the '80s with his band MSG which introduced fans in the U.S.A. to his guitar virtuosity.

Band Members:

- Phil Mogg (v)
- Pete Way (b)
- Michael Schenker (g)
- Paul Raymond (k)(g)
- Andy Parker (d)

Track listing:

1. This Kids
2. Out In The Street
3. Shoot Shoot
4. Come On Everybody
5. Love To Love
6. Doctor Doctor
7. Lettin' Go
8. Mystery Train
9. Lights Out
10. Too Hot To Handle
11. Rock Bottom
12. Let It Roll
13. The Coming Of Prince Kujuku
14. Borderline
15. Running Up The Highway
16. Backdoor Man
17. This Kids

HRH Rating: N/A

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