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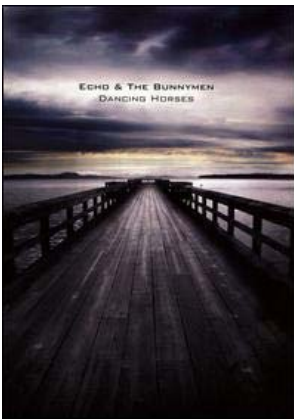
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Echo & the Bunnymen

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Album

Dancing Horses

Release Date

Jun 26, 2007

Recording Date

Nov 1, 2005

Label

MVD

Type

Video, Live

Genre

Rock

Styles

Alternative Pop/
Rock
Post-Punk
Neo-Psychedelia
College Rock

Moods

Angst-Ridden
Melancholy
Autumnal
Dramatic
Bitter
Literate
Stylish
Tense/Anxious
Aggressive
Wistful

Review

by Joe Viglione

Secret Films and director Dave Meehan have a bevy of quality projects in release, and this DVD from Echo & the Bunnymen contains the great camera shots and editing that one would expect from their dependable film crew. The trappings that accompany a Bunnymen concert do not lend themselves well to the camera, so you won't find the bright and happy visuals obvious on Meehan's work with the Farm or even Ian Hunter. So, descend into the darkness that reflects this band's ominous music, absorbing the deep blue stage light and that sound so bass-heavy à la Psychedelic Furs, playing alongside those Flock of Seagulls-style guitar noodlings. Ian McCulloch's tonal quality is never going to threaten the Frank Sinatra legacy, the voice seeming more rough around the edges than usual -- though that's OK; the bandmates are superb and the music is deliciously eerie with McCulloch's quasi-Jim Morrison ramblings a perfect match. "Rescue" sounds like the second coming of the Doors, and the Morrison imitation does much to keep the singer's monotone from becoming completely tedious. The strength of the frontman's presence is also this group's weakness when his vocals can't climb the scales for 90 minutes, rendering this wonderful package a treat mainly for the fan base. New recruits might have to come via the YouTube clip of the boys performing with the Spice Girls, which would have been a nice, albeit tacky, addition to this package. Fear not, the Spice Girls are nowhere to be found here, just a powerful performance from November 1, 2005, by this six-piece ensemble. In addition to the close to 90 minutes of concert footage, there's a bonus interview tape conducted by an invisible Jet Martin. Singer McCulloch and guitarist Will Sergeant give alternating commentaries, and it makes for three-quarters of an hour of informative -- and entertaining -- perspective from the Bunnymen's core.

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