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Posted - 25/11/2006 : 10:55:36



The Supremes - Reflections: The Definitive Performances 1963 - 1969 DVD is released in the UK on Mon 27th Nov & in the US on Tue 5th Dec. One of the performances is the single "When The Lovelight Starts Shining Through His Eyes". If you play the trivia track as the song is playing it mentions that it was covered by Dusty Springfield and also namechecks RSG! Motown Special which of course Dusty hosted.

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Sounds like a great DVD John, do you have a tracklisting?

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Posted - 25/11/2006 : 15:07:17



Sure, this is my review.

This is the very first time that a collection of performances by the Supremes have ever been issued on DVD. There are 16 full length songs plus 4 bonus clips including their first US top 30 hit "When The Love Light Starts Shining Through His Eyes". It of course contains all 12 of their US number 1 hits.

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The performances are from the period 1963 - 1969 and are a mixture of TV appearances (mainly US) & live concert footage. Some of the live TV performances like "Come See About Me", "Back In My Arms Again" & "I Hear A Symphony" have not been seen for over 40 years! The wonderful Funk Brothers are seen backing the girls on "Come See About Me" and Diana forgets the opening line to "I Hear A Symphony" but recovers without missing a beat. The clip for "Stop! In The Name Of Love" caused quite a storm back in 1965 as the girls are seen performing on a TV special with an interracial audience. The oft overlooked song which broke their run of 5 numbers 1's "Nothing But Heartaches" is another rarity which is included. The dramatic "My World Is Empty Without You" is also from a TV special and shows the girls in the Hitsville studio known as the "Snakepit".

By 1967 the Supremes & Motown had reached a new plateau and the hits continued with one of their most unusual songs "Love Is Here And Now You're Gone" (another US number 1) and the girls appearance became even more glamorous and polished. That summer was extremely memorable for the Supremes for a number of reasons. Florence Ballard left the group & was replaced by Cindy Birdsong. Flower power came to the fore in what was known as 'the summer of love'. Diana Ross & The Supremes, as they were now called, were not to be left out and released the psychedelic "Reflections" which is another fine live TV performance on this DVD. Both

"The Happening" & "In And Out Of Love" are live stage appearances taken from a Swedish TV concert. It shows that the girls are now all round entertainers happy in any environment. In 1969 Diana Ross & The Supremes parted company both forging ahead with new successful careers with Jean Terrell being Diana's replacement. Their swansong, their 12th number 1, was the ironically titled "Someday We'll Be Together" and with that Diana Ross & The Supremes were assigned to the history books as the most successful girl group.

The picture quality is most impressive with the sound being even more so. The latter is due to all lip-sync performances having had the sound re-mastered. Very clever indeed. The DVD also includes bonus material of 8 (audio only) a cappella performances by the Supremes. The original studio vocal master tracks were discovered in the Motown vaults. There is an extra bonus of a trivia track, accessed via the set up menu, which is both informative and fun and reveals performance details etc as the songs play. The 24 page booklet is packed with great photographs & memorabilia.

The Supremes were one of a kind with regard to their world wide success. They helped to make Motown an even more powerful force in the music business & also brought their brand of soul music to a fully integrated audience. No mean feat in the '60's. It's wonderful that these performances exist as so many have been lost or destroyed. This DVD package is a piece of history and is SIMPLY SUPREME.

Tracks

1. Where Did Our Love Go
2. Baby Love
3. Come See About Me
4. Stop! In The Name Of Love
5. Back In My Arms Again
6. Nothing But Heartaches
7. I Hear A Symphony
8. My World Is Empty Without You
9. You Can't Hurry Love
10. You Keep Me Hangin' On
11. Love Is Here And Now You're Gone
12. The Happening
13. Reflections
14. In And Out Of Love
15. Love Child
16. Someday We'll Be Together

bonus

17. Stop! In The Name Of Love (alt performance)
18. Baby Love (alt performance)
19. When The Lovelight Starts Shining Through His Eyes
20. My World Is Empty Without You (with commentary)

John



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Posted - 25/11/2006 : 15:14:39

Thanks for letting us know about this John. It sounds incredible - I have just ordered it.



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humboldt
I'll try anything
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Posted - 25/11/2006 : 16:15:22

You're most welcome.



John



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Mark
I've got a good thing
★★★★★

Posted - 25/11/2006 : 16:52:17

Wow!.....Great review John!



That's what I call a *real* Christmas present....I can't wait! 😊👍

Mark



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Tom Lovett
Little by little
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Posted - 26/11/2006 : 10:00:01

A definate for my Christmas list.



Tom



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Corinna
Forum Admin
★★★★★

Posted - 21/12/2006 : 22:42:29

I've bought it, and it's really great. 😊



There are other Motown DVDs which have been released in this series, Marvin Gaye, The Temptations, and Smokey Robinson & The Miracles. They sound pretty interesting, too! Wonder if/when they will release a Martha & The Vandellas DVD?

Cor xx



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