

## Review: Music DVD Review: Live: Live at the Paradiso

<u>Format:</u>	DVD, NTSC
<u>Release Date:</u>	11 November 2008
<u>Track Listing:</u>	Simple creed All over you The river Mirror song The dolphin's cry I walk the line Selling the drama They stood up for love Lightning crashes Turn my head Wings I alone Heaven Lakini's juice Overcome Operation spirit Dance with you

### The Show:

As a long time fan on Live, I had often wondered why their record company had never issued an official live album. Having seen a number of their shows, I had always been amazed at the heady mix of energy, emotion and passion that the band was able to bring to their live sets. I knew that this would have ultimately translated into a brilliantly good live offering.

So when I heard that it was finally happening I immediately had the CD and DVD on back-order from my favourite on-line music provider. When I got the notification that the package was en-route I planned a little get together with a few similarly musically-inclined friends to enjoy the show and to get their feedback.

On the day of the gathering, I snatched a quick peek at the DVD as I was unable to wait any longer. The peek served to fuel my excitement and as soon as the gang was assembled I hit play and we dove headlong into the experience.

The DVD begins with the customary build up; it takes in the local setting, the crowds, the incredible venue and of course the artists on their way to the venue. The opening gambit hits it just right and does a good job of communicating the energy and excitement of the band and their fans before the show.

Before you know it the band is on stage and they tear into their set with customary gusto. Their energy is easily matched by a crowd that is thick with die-hard Live fans, this leads to some epic sing-along's and keeps the band on the very edge of their game. The Dutch fans are totally into the band and every song is greeted with a chorus of cheers, applause and a wave of energy.

The director does an amazing job of making you feel like you are actually there, the setting inside the Paradiso adds to the sense of worship, the band worshipping its fans and the fans

reciprocating. Perhaps most importantly, the sound is superb. So many live DVD's are let down in this area, but the sound engineer at this gig certainly knew his business. We had the DVD playing on a 60" widescreen LCD TV and hooked up to a Dolby 7.1 home entertainment system. My basement is soundproofed for just this sort of occasion and we certainly put the acoustic foam to the test. The clarity of both the picture and the sound are something to behold and provide a truly immersive experience.

Live are on the top of their game in this set, every song is played as if it is their very last. What you get for your money is rock in its purest form, no flashy stage show, effects or other distractions; just a band doing what they love, and doing it so very well.

If you are fan of the band, this DVD would be a most valuable addition to your collection. It easily captures the power and emotion that Live is able to deliver by the truckload.