

Blu-ray Review: Perfect Criterion Package for Essential 'Quadrophenia'

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CHICAGO – Social history is often the seed for actual history. The simple story of two youth gangs in England in the early 1960s – The Mods and The Rockers – is grist for the incredible social history film, "Quadrophenia." The new Criterion Collection Blu-ray DVD release of this 1979 classic will satisfy any side of the ardent rock admirer, especially those of the magnificent rock group "The Who" – the film is based on their lesser known 1973 rock opera of the same name.



Blu-Ray Rating: **5.0/5.0**

This was originally produced by The Who Films, and The Criterion Collection creates a lavish package with background information and the history of the clash between the mid-1960s British youth of "The Mods" – a clean cut style associated with the music of "The Who, as well as soul, R&B and the Mersey Beat – and "The Rockers," who favored more of the direct, Marlon-Brando-in-"The-Wild-One" motorcycles and 1950s rock. Although the film is about that in the background, it actually focuses on the overall theme of disaffection in that transitional youth-to-adult period. That theme is so beautifully composed by director Franc Roddam that it ranks as one of the top disaffected youth movies of all time.



Jimmy (Phil Daniels, Left) and Dave (Mark Wingett) in 'Quadrophenia'
Photo credit: The Criterion Collection

The focus is on the character of Jimmy (Phil Daniels), who is a London Mod. He works in the mail room at an advertising company, and is at



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