Copernicus
Live! In Prague DVD
Review by G. W. Hill

This is an intriguing beast. Of course, one could say that Copernicus is an intriguing person. His philosophical stance is the stuff that Sheldon Cooper is probably better equipped to understand and debate than the average person would be able to handle. The thing is, you really don’t have to be able to grasp all the nuances or otherwise “get it” to appreciate the art. I know Copernicus got lumped in with all the punk rock people, but his art transcends punk. It really fits about as well into progressive rock as anywhere. He’s one part poet, one part performance artist and one part musician. Among those in his band is Larry Kirwan of Black 47 fame. The band basically serves to paint musical backdrops for Copernicus’ poetry. This is a reissue of an old VHS and as such isn’t up to the quality of a lot of modern video releases. However, it’s also something that’s almost a one of a kind creation and worth having. In fact, I’d say this is a great way to experience Copernicus for the first time.