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FMQB Retro-Active: Ken Sharp Talks to Cherie Currie, and Reviews Live Releases From The Who and The Rolling Stones –

LONG LIVE ROCK... New York's Shea Stadium is holy ground for rock and roll concerts with **The Beatles** famously playing the massive outdoor venue in 1965 and '66 followed five years later by **Grand Funk Railroad**. In 1982, **The Who** were embarking on a farewell tour, **Pete Townshend** tiring of decades of excess in the rock and roll circus and ready to bring their career to a full stop. The band was at the peak of their popularity having sold out two nights at Shea Stadium. Touring behind their latest album, *It's Hard*, a collection derided by



critics as a half baked effort devoid of the band's trademark firepower, one thing is for sure: The Who did not disappoint on the concert stage. This is amply evidenced by the magnificent and vital performance they delivered to the crowd on the new DVD, *The Who - Live at Shea Stadium 1982* (Eagle Rock Entertainment). Opening with the trademark 1-2 punch of "Substitute" and "I Can't Explain," the set mined perennial favorites ("Behind Blue Eyes," "Baba O'Riley," "Pinball Wizard," "See Me, Feel Me," "Love Reign O'er Me," "Who Are You," "Won't Get Fooled Again" with lesser played fare like the clutch of *Quadrophenia* gems ("The Punk Meets the Godfather," "I'm One" and "Drowned"), "Tattoo" from 1968's *Sell Out*, the *Live at Leeds* powerhouse "Young Man Blues" plus

several cuts from *It's Hard* that white out their studio counterparts: "Eminence Front," "Cry If You Want," "Dangerous" and the title track. **Roger Daltrey** is in particularly fine voice while Messrs. Pete Townshend and **John Entwistle** play with passion and power framed by drummer **Kenney Jones'** punchy, razor sharp drumming. The band closed the two-hour show with sloppy but spirited renditions of The Beatles' "I Saw Her Standing There," "Twist and Shout" and Eddie Cochran's "Summertime Blues." The Who proved once again that this band is the gold standard by which all will be compared. Bonus tracks on the DVD include "Substitute," "I Can't Explain," "My Generation," "A Man Is A Man" and "5:15."