

Gormenghast: The Rock Opera

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Dan Parmenter — 02 Jul 2001, 17:14

Disclaimer:

I haven't yet read Gormenghast, though it's "on the list".

I didn't watch the TV show yet because I prefer to read things before I see any film/TV adaptation and I figure it won't be too hard to track down a copy of the film when I do finally read the book.

But I wanted to alert the truly curious to another adaptation of Gormenghast, namely the "rock opera" version. The sample tracks I downloaded didn't do a thing for me, although the composer, Irmin Schmidt, is a musician I very much admire as one of the founders of the seventies-era German rock band CAN, which this stuff sounds nothing like at all!

Go to:

<http://www.spoonrecords.com/>

And follow the Gormenghast links for information and downloadable extracts.

Dan

Adam Stephanides — 02 Jul 2001, 22:49 · follows Dan Parmenter

Somewhere in storage I have an anthology of rare psychedelic rock from the 60s which includes a track by a group called, iirc, Steerpike, which released a concept album whose concept was that Steerpike was the true hero of the Gormenghast books. I have no recollection whatever of what the track sounded like.

--Adam