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Lou Reed : Berlin: A Performance by Lou Reed Directed by Julian Schnabel before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Berlin: A Performance by Lou Reed Directed by Julian Schnabel:

Berlin is a concept album that represented a brave departure from the familiar sounds and themes of Lou Reed's earlier solo work, a tragic tale about heartbreak and addiction meant to be played live as a rock opera, in the vein of The Who's Tommy. But its poor reception meant that plans for a live performance were put on hold until 2007, when, with a renewed confidence in the material, Reed toured with a full orchestra and choir, giving some of the most personal and powerful performances of his career. The tour was filmed by legendary artist Julian Schnabel, a longtime friend of

Reeds who also designed the spare and beautiful set, and whose daughter Lola contributed moving images projected behind the stage. This immeasurably powerful book draws on stills from Schnabel's film, photographs of the set design, printed lyrics of Reed's original verse, and images from Schnabel's projections to tell the twin stories of Berlin as rock opera and as unique collaboration between two geniuses of contemporary art, music, words, and film. The book also includes a rare conversation between Reed and Schnabel.

A love story between a painter and his muse, Caroline, that ends in tragedy, the book moves between intimate snapshots of the mysterious blonde, the luminescent scrimms of St. Anns, and Reed and his band burning through the album, finally breaking through Berlin's wall. ~Nylon

About the Author: Lou Reed is a founding member of the Velvet Underground and an accomplished solo artist, poet, writer, and photographer. He lives in New York. Julian Schnabel is a celebrated artist and filmmaker whose work is in the permanent collections of The Metropolitan Museum and MoMA in New York, and whose film *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly* was nominated for four Academy Awards. He lives in New York.