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VIDEO GAMES LIVE, the fan-adored concert tour based on the orchestral performance of video game music, is serving up a second helping of multimedia bliss, appropriately titled "Level 2." The sequel tour features music, video footage, and kinetic stage theatrics devoted to such classics as Super Mario Bros., The Legend of Zelda, and Sonic the Hedgehog, as well as recent fare such as Guitar Hero and God of War.

A class-arcade medley covers territory from Pong to Dragon's Lair. Performed by the London-based Philharmonic Orchestra (with help from an *AV* team), an abbreviated version of the show is currently being aired on PBS. Additionally, CD, DVD, and Blu-Ray versions of the concert have been released to considerable sales and acclaim. The CD flavor includes 16 tracks (plus two, if you buy it

in downloadable form), while the DVD and Blu-Ray iterations feature performances not included in the PBS special, as well as three hours of bonus material.

Of course, for the real-deal experience you'll have to pick up tickets for the concert itself. With over 70 tour dates planned for 2011 (see below), it's likely there will be a stop-over in your neck of the woods! —PATRICK C.

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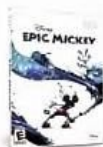
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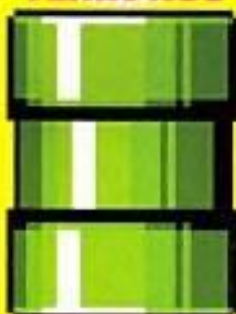


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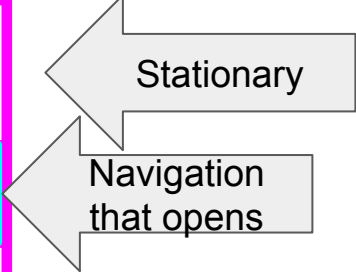
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