

The Beach Boys and the Satan

(MVD Entertainment Group) offered a lot of potential for the creepy side of things given Brian Wilson's eccentricities and Dennis Wilson's friendship with Charles Manson, but this documentary doesn't shed much light at all on the dark side of the Summer of Love.

Not much new is shown here about Dennis Wilson, how his friendship with a couple of Manson's girls led to the entire family moving into his home. It was that friendship and the musical connection Manson desper-

ately wanted, many believe, that directly led to the murder of Sharon Tate. Tate and then-husband director Roman Polanski were renting a home where a music producer had lived previously. Manson had, in fact, visited the home several months earlier.

While the DVD is weak on its "Satan" promise, it does deliver quite nicely musically. There are interviews with Brian Wilson as well as a nice look at the Beach Boys through the years, from their early roots to the artistic highs with Pet Sounds. The original documentary, apparently from Germany, was released in 1997.

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