

Bob Dylan - 1966 World Tour: The Home Movies

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Director Joel Gilbert works with drummer Mickey Jones to issue a behind-the-scenes documentary of the 1966 Bob Dylan and the Band tour, as well as an inadvertent companion piece to Martin Scorsese's No Direction Home film. Well, if not a companion piece, a parallel point of view. Even filmmaker D.A. Pennebaker took some of the 8mm footage when Jones was busy working with his musician hat on, and this documentary is an impressive collection of these clips, a 1966 version of a "webcam" with tons of commentary by the man who was there and visually documented the tour. There are some great interviews with Johnny Rivers, Trini Lopez and Charlie Daniels, and '60s footage of the Beatles, Johnny Rivers, Chuck Berry and Trini Lopez. The music is provided by Highway 61 Revisited, not Bob Dylan, but you didn't come to hear the music. It's just part of the background setting for the information, which is textbook valuable, and — just as important — fun to listen to and watch. The disclaimer "Not affiliated with Bob Dylan" on the back of this package refers to the business side of things, this is certainly a "Dylan" release, at least as far as those who need to know everything about their hero are concerned. Scene selection is thankfully here for quick indexing along with a nice bonus photo gallery. 1966 World Tour: The Home Movies is a real treasure for fans and those interested in Bob Dylan, the Band, and this time period.