



"Thunderfingers - A Tribute To John Entwistle"
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The late, great John Entwistle is profiled in this DVD. It includes the last interview he gave before his untimely death (the interview conducted by Gordon Giltrap), and commentary from other famous musicians, and John's family and friends. They discuss John's impact on their lives and on the world of rock music. John of course was an extremely talented, innovative, and influential bass guitarist, who created a unique style of his own, and helped define the way rock bass is played. He has influenced generations of musicians, and will no doubt continue to do so for a long time to come. In the final interview, John discusses and demonstrates his bass guitar techniques and abilities. As he, and others, point out, he played bass as if it were lead guitar. He shows the difference between a bass player and a bass guitarist. His background and history are also discussed. Right from the very start, John was a very musically inclined and gifted individual. He started playing music at a very young age, and always excelled at it. Dave Lambert of the Strawbs (one of the interviewees) went to summer camp as a boy with John, heard him playing a simple wake up call tune on a bugle, and thought it sounded beautiful. That was certainly a sign of things to come! Later, in college, John met the other Who members, they formed a band, and the rest is history! As a bonus item, John is interviewed at his home, showing off and discussing his prized guitar collection. He also "show and tells" his his favorite and most played basses, and talks of the classic "Who's Next" album and how he thought it stood out. Although he's no longer with us, John's legacy will last forever, and he will always be a big influence and an icon in the world of rock. To many, he will never die.