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Rolling Stones Exile Mick Taylor Rare and Unseen DVDs Reviewed

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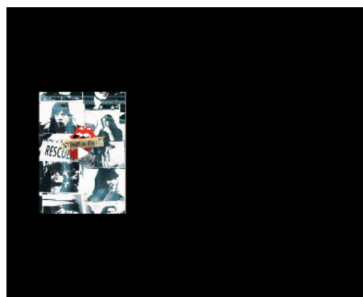
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By nature, musicians are better players than talkers, and this point is made abundantly clear on these recently released documentary DVDs about "The World's Greatest Rock and Roll Band," [The Rolling Stones](#). Of these three, the best is far and away the authorized one, *Stones in Exile*. Released to coincide with the deluxe, remastered CD reissue of the band's classic *Exile on Main Street*, this well-done film includes interesting interviews with the band members and insiders who were around when this album was recorded during a period in which the Stones fled Britain in the early 1970s for Spain due to tax problems. Since this is an authorized production, the filmmakers had access to the Stones music, which helps a lot in terms of context and also serves as a reminder of the great music the band produced during this tumultuous period.

The other two DVDs have less to offer but still may be of value to devoted fans who have to have everything Stones. *The Mick Taylor Years* is a very matter-of-fact bio that provides a decent overview of the period in which Taylor served as the band's guitarist, a time regarded by many fans as the Stones' most productive, fruitful years. It's an OK doc, but the constant input from "experts" and critics who may or may not know the band doesn't add much, and the lack of authentic Stones music (there are a few snatches, but mostly there's Stones-like soundtrack fluff) makes this non-essential viewing. *Rare and Unseen* fares a little better, as it consists of interview footage with the Stones shot during their early, British Invasion years. There's nothing revelatory here, but it's cool to see the personalities we know so well (Mick the businessman, Keith the mess) emerging even as they were just getting started.

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Stones In Exile

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