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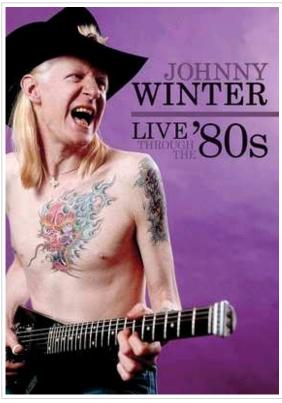
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# DVD Review: "Johnny Winter: Live Through the "80s

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Johnny Winter: Live Through the '80s 2010 114 minutes, USD \$19.95 Johnnywinter.net MVDvisual.com

When one thinks of effective white blues guitarists, mostly Brits seem to come to mind, like Eric Clapton and Jeff Beck. But Americans have their own share, such as the late Stevie Ray Vaughn, Mike Bloomfield, and Johnny Winter.

Johnny Winter is iconic. Texas bred, his long, straight white hair from albinism, tattoos from before they were passé, tall and lanky frame, and his headstockless Lazer guitar (which shows up early on in this collection), are all part and parcel of this artiste.

While he dabbled some in rock and roll, and even occasionally displays a tinge of country, such as on "Please Come Home for Christmas," Winter is a blues man. He plays electric so he is often lumped into the Chicago school, but he actually plays both Northern and Delta picking style.

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