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begins with a strange, uncomfortable trans-Atlantic Russell Harty interview (in which Bowie claimed to be drunk) filmed in the seventies, and alternates with more recent (1997) footage of [David Bowie \(http://davidbowie.com/\)](#) discussing his involvement with drugs, among other topics, and clips from a variety of old interviews.

Released in November, *David Bowie: Rare and Unseen* includes archival interviews that were long believed to be lost or "wiped," and items that have never been seen or appeared on DVD. He discusses his films, music, philosophy, and life experiences.

For Bowie fans, the DVD is an opportunity to see vintage Bowie clips, but it won't add much to their knowledge of the iconic rocker. One can read a more comprehensive history of Bowie on [Wikipedia \(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Bowie\)](#). Industry insiders and Bowie associates offer additional background info, and there are unsatisfyingly short performance clips.

Like most unauthorized biographical documentaries, *David Bowie: Rare and Unseen* is incomplete; without Bowie's participation, we are given only a partial chronicle of his evolution as an artist and person. There is some repetition throughout the program's 64 minutes, but those unfamiliar with Bowie's history can see the persona Bowie was trying to project at particular times from these old interviews.



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