



In honor of Bob Dylan turning 70 on Tuesday, May 24, two DVDs and a Blu-ray about the legendary singer-songwriter have been released recently.

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Robert Zimmerman, better known as Bob Dylan, hits 70 on Tuesday, May 24. Two recent DVDs and a Blu-ray help him mark the occasion.

"Don't Look Back," probably the best documentary ever made about Dylan, debuted on Blu-ray on April 26. Director D.A. Pennebaker's 1967 film is a candid look at the young star during three weeks on tour in England in 1965. "Keep a good head and always carry a lightbulb," Dylan offers in a satirical jab at his reputation as the supposed "voice of a generation." The film, which includes visits by musicians Joan Baez, Donovan and Alan Price, was added to the National Film Registry in 1998.

The Blu-ray comes with a second disc, a DVD, offering one new bonus feature, a recent interview by rock critic Greil Marcus of Pennebaker. It also contains some but not all of the bonus material on 2007's two-DVD deluxe edition. Included is the 65-minute 2007 documentary "65 Revisited," director commentary, five additional uncut audio tracks, and an alternate version of the oft-imitated "Subterranean Homesick Blues" cue card sequence.

The unrated film is 96 minutes. From Docurama.

"Bob Dylan Revealed" is a new documentary, released on DVD on May 1, that draws on interviews with many who have worked with Dylan over his five decades in the music industry. Notables include producer Jerry Wexler, drummers Mickey Jones and Winston Watson, folkie Ramblin' Jack Elliot, violinist Scarlet Rivera, bassist Rob Stoner and boxer Rubin "Hurricane" Carter. The film was directed and produced by Joel Gilbert, who has made two previous Dylan video documentaries as well as the dubious effort, "Paul McCartney Really is Dead: The Last Testament of George Harrison." Unrated, 110 minutes. No extras. From MVD Visual.

"Bob Dylan -- The Never Ending Narrative 1990-2006," another new documentary, was released on DVD on April 19. It covers the period from Dylan's so-called 1989 comeback album, "Oh Mercy," to his 2006 release, "Modern Times." The unauthorized film has a range of clips new and old, from performances and interviews to news reports. Dylan experts Johnny Rogan, Derek Barker, Clinton Heylin and Nigel Williamson weigh in on the warbling wonder. Unrated, 110 minutes. DVD extras include extended interviews. From MVD Visual.