

## DIVINYLS



## Music on DVD

### Divinyls

**Jailhouse Rock**  
*New Wave*

★★★

Perhaps you recall what Divinyls singer Christina Amphlett does to herself when she thinks about you. Or perhaps you don't remember these Australian new wave rockers at all. Either way, you might get a kick out of this energetic 85-minute performance from a 1993 festival held to celebrate the closure of a notorious local prison. Just keep both hands where we can see them, mister.

### Stratovarius

**Under Flaming Winter Skies**  
*Metal*

★★★

Nope, it's not a parody of a White Stripes live album. It's a concert DVD from long-serving Finnish power metal band Stratovarius, capturing one of their final shows with their last drummer. All those who need two-plus hours of grandiose metal full of symphonic flourishes, epic solos and plenty of hair-swinging action, look no further. Bonus footage includes a half-hour documentary.

## GARAGE BAND IDOL

Let us listen to your original song, and we'll tell you if it sucks or not

**Brother Octopus**  
Edmonton, Alta.  
[brotheroctopus.bandcamp.com](http://brotheroctopus.bandcamp.com)

Quirky is as quirky does. And they don't come quirrier than this co-ed Alberta electro-pop duo. Near as I can tell, Brother Octopus handles guitar, bass and keys while his lady friend — named, naturally, Lady Friend — handles percussion on these gently drifting, subtly pulsing lullabys. The real magic, however, is found in their soothing harmonies and kooky computers and theme parks. The songs are a little too cute — and way to samey — for their own good. But at least they're trying.

**DARRYL'S VERDICT**  
★★½  
"Squiddy diddly."

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### Frank Turner

**Last Minutes & Lost Evenings**

*Folk-Punk*

★★★½



Have you met Turner? No? Then it's about time. Acclaimed in his native

Britain, the Billy Braggish folk-punk troubadour is still relatively unknown on these shores, despite the inroads of 2011's *England Keep My Bones*. To rectify that, his label raided his first three albums for this compilation of sharp-eyed songs about rock 'n' roll, love, getting older and hangovers. A fine introduction.

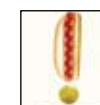
**Download:** *I Still Believe*; *Nashville Tennessee*

### The Whigs

**Enjoy the Company**

*Indie-Rock*

★★★½



You can't stay in the garage forever. So on their fourth full-length, Athens

singer-guitarist Parker Gispert and his bandmates continue to distance themselves from their scrappy, post-grungy youth by penning poppier melodies and sharper hooks, fleshing out their arrangements with horns and steel guitars and generally steering toward a brighter mainstream future. Good company.

**Download:** *Staying Alive*; *Summer Heat*

### Patrick Wolf

**Sundark & Riverlight**

*Folk-Pop*

★★★★



There are two sides to Wolf. And plenty of history. It's been nearly a decade

since the theatrical English-Irish singer-songwriter released his debut *Lycanthropy*. So it's natural for him to revisit his past — and get back to basics — by re-recording lush acoustic versions of 16 songs from his first five discs. Sundark favours ballads; Riverlight is sunnier fare. It's the best of both worlds.

**Download:** *The Magic Position*; *The Libertine*



### Grateful Dead

**Spring 1990: So Glad You Made It**

*Jam-Rock*

★★★★

A Grateful Dead live set? Well, there's something you don't see every day. Just every other day. Snark aside, however, the zillionth archival concert release from the late, great psychedelic jammers is actually a pretty strong entry in their catalog, featuring 20 highlights (including a six-pack taped in Hamilton) from their limited-edition 18-disc *Spring 1990* box set. Glad they made it.

**Download:** *West L.A. Fadeaway*; *Losers*



### Corin Tucker Band

**Kill My Blues**

*Indie-punk*

★★★★

She's getting warmer. Former Sleater-Kinney singer-guitarist and riot grrrr punk Tucker toned it way down for her 2010 solo debut *1,000 Years* — but less than two years later, the self-described "middle-aged mom" with the Patti Smith yowl is plugging in and rocking out again on this re-energized followup. It may not totally kill the blues of SK fans, but it should ease their pain somewhat.

**Download:** *Groundhog Day*; *Constance*



### John Cale

**Shifty Adventures In Nookie Wood**

*Alt-Rock*

★★★½

Once in the underground, always in the underground. It's been seven years since Velvet avant-gardian Cale released an album — but clearly he hasn't lost his touch. These dozen cuts continue his sonically and stylistically adventurous ways, as he (and his Morrisonian baritone) dabble with everything from Auto-Tuned electro-pop to dark funk-rock with Danger Mouse. Welcome back.

**Download:** *I Wanna Talk 2U*; *Nookie Wood*



### Andre Williams

**Life**  
*R&B*

★★★

It's never too late to change. Look at notorious R&B derelict Williams; the 75-year-old reportedly kicked booze and drugs a few years back. With this typically rough 'n' tumble batch of blues and funk, he's cleaned up his musical act slightly as well, shelving his gritty tales of coke whores and murder for more mundane fare like love, money and (believe it or not) politics. The quiet life.

**Download:** *Blame it on Obama*; *Shake a Tail Feather*

## Coming up

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### Traveler

Trey Anastasio

### Two Eleven

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### Songs

Placido Domingo

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Donald Fagen

### Former Lives

Benjamin Gibbard

### Magic Moment

Cee Lo Green

### By My Side

Ben Harper

### Come Home to Mama

Martha Wainwright

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