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Quick takes on recent classic rock CD, DVD releases

Quick, before the old year passes

uring the five years (1963-68) that the first edition of [The Yardbirds](#) existed, they earned a spot in classic rock immortality by having employed three musicians who would ultimately be recognized as three of the greatest rock guitarists of all time: [Eric Clapton](#), [Jeff Beck](#) and [Jimmy Page](#). The band also broke new ground in the nascent psychedelic rock genre, and introduced a number of electric guitar tricks and techniques that were unique then, commonplace now.

In 1995 two of the band's founding members, drummer [Jim McCarty](#) and rhythm guitarist/bassist [Chris Dreja](#) brought the band to life once again, almost 25 years after the original group disbanded. The new version of the band released a studio album of new music in 2003, and they have toured extensively -- enough to have also produced five live albums. The latest, *Making Tracks* is a two-disc collection culled from various live gigs, and a film documenting the tour.

Make no mistake, The Yardbirds are not a "greatest hits" band. Although their set lists contain songs that the original band are best known for, like "Heart Full of Soul," "For Your Love," "I'm a Man" and "Train Kept Rollin'", their performances also sample their modern-era material. In either case, this incarnation of The Yardbirds hasn't strayed from the unique mix of hard rock, psych rock and good old 12-bar blues that the original band perfected.

Making Tracks is available on DVD.