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## Making Tracks

Artist: The Yardbirds

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An integral part of the 60's British Blues Boom, legendary rock pioneers The Yardbirds took standard 12-bar blues, doubled the tempo, kicked up the amps, and carved out the mold for modern hard rock. Introducing some of the world's greatest guitarists – Eric Clapton, Jimmy Page, and Jeff Beck – the band crafted such classic hits as “Train Kept Rollin’” (no, Aerosmith fans, Tyler & Perry weren't the first ones to record that tune), and “For Your Love.” Now, on the cusp of the band's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the latest incarnation of The Yardbirds have released *Making Tracks*, a 2DVD tour set that will definitely bring back many fond memories as well as make us further appreciate just what a tremendous impact this legendary band had on the rock and roll landscape.

Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee and founding member/drummer/composer Jim McCarty states “The DVD *Making Tracks* was great fun to make, and I think it really shows how young and old musicians can work together in a spirit of harmony and energy, giving credence to a great repertoire.”

Shot at multiple concert dates over the course of the past two years, *Making Tracks*, produced and directed by Bruce Macomber, McCarty and Yardbirds guitarist Ben King for Reel Time Productions, features 32 track audio recordings and was filmed using six HD cameras.

Disc 1 contains 17 songs, including new material. Some of the footage was captured at B.B. King's in NYC, which *Guitar World Magazine* called the “best concert of the year.” Disc 2 features “Glimpses,” a tour documentary, extra interviews with the band, 2 songs by The Jim McCarty Band (which are real treats in and of themselves), as well as additional music by The Yardbirds.

The Yardbirds re-united in 1995, a couple of years after their induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Original members McCarty and Chris Dreja put together a new line-up, introducing a fresh generation of dynamic musicians. Guitarist King has been with the band since 2005 and lead singer Andy Mitchell and bassist Dave Smale have been onboard since 2009. This line-up is doing a phenomenal job in continuing the band's legacy of extraordinary musicianship.

Not only will fans of The Yardbirds want to have this 2-DVD collection as part of their personal video library, so will musicologists, rock history buffs, and your all-around classic rock fans. So, why not order a couple of extra copies to give as gifts?