



Circle Jerks

## Music on DVD

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**My Career as a Jerk**  
*Documentary*

★★★★

Drugs, death and Debbie Gibson: The Circle Jerks' story has it all. And this 96-minute documentary tells it simply and effectively, utilizing new interviews with all the surviving members and tons of archival footage to chronicle the influential and provocative outfit's rise from the punk-rock crucible of late-'70s Los Angeles to their currently strained relations. One for all the old punks.

### Etta James

**Live at Montreux**  
*Blues*

★★★★

Even in death, James got short shrift — the late great singer's tribute at this year's Grammys was overshadowed by Whitney Houston's passing. Thankfully, this collection of live Swiss music fest appearances gives the big, bad blueswoman the spotlight she deserves. The 160-minute DVD includes a full hour-long show from 2003, along with excerpts from gigs from 1975 to 1990.

# GARAGE BAND IDOL

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

**Injustice**  
Toronto  
[youtube.com/user/andINJUSTICEforall](http://youtube.com/user/andINJUSTICEforall)

This just in: Teenage boys love Metallica. So when they start bands, they play Metallica songs. And after a while, they start to write songs that sound like Metallica. Which brings us to these pint-sized, baby-faced young Torontonians, whose YouTube page features umpteen solid, if unspectacular attempts to emulate the mayhem and menace of their heroes, despite the fact that they still look like they're in junior high. If they ever make an album, they could call it: For Whom the School Bell Tolls.

**DARRYL'S VERDICT**  
★★  
"Sad but true."

Want Darryl Sterdan to review your homemade, original song? E-mail us an online link where he can hear it. If he chooses yours, he'll tell readers if it sucks or not. Send the link to [darryl.sterdan@sunmedia.ca](mailto:darryl.sterdan@sunmedia.ca)

### Pete Seeger

**A More Perfect Union | Pete Remembers Woody Folk**

Both: ★★½



The flowers may be gone, but Seeger is eternal. And eternally busy.

The 93-year-old folk icon and his banjo are back with not one, but two albums. A *More Perfect Union* features mellow new originals co-starring VIPs such as Bruce Springsteen, Tom Morello and Steve Earle; the two-disc *Pete Remembers Woody* finds Seeger covering nearly Guthrie classics between reminiscing. Phew. Download: We are the Boat; 66 Highway Blues

### Metz

**Metz**  
*Punk*

★★★½



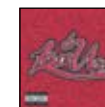
Meet Metz. These Torontonians have made a big noise (literally)

locally with their abrasive, cacophonous take on '80s indie-punk. Now they're taking their act globally with this Sub Pop debut. Driven by the bashing beats and grinding guitars of Jesus Lizard, topped with Lydonesque yowling, these songs are the sonic equivalent of a baseball bat straight to the noggin. Duck and cover. Download: Get Off; Knife in the Water

### MGK

**Lace Up**  
*Hip-Hop*

★★★½



Magic? Not by a long shot. MGK stands for Machine Gun Kelly, an

angry young Cleveland rhymeslinger under the wing of Sean (Diddy) Combs. Not surprisingly, he comes out blasting on this debut, making an impact with his high-velocity verbiage. But he also shows some surprising versatility by collaborating with the likes of Avenged Sevenfold and KickDrums. Give the kid a shot. Download: Lace Up; Stereo



### Jason Lytle

**Dept. of Disappearance**  
*Alt-Pop*

★★★½

Jason Lytle wants to be alone. And no wonder. The sometime-frontman of alt-rockers Grandaddy continues to operate best in splendid isolation on his fourth solo album. Made by himself at his Montana home, it's a loner's manifesto, with Lytle gently crooning about solitude, vanishing and the simple life over a dusty mix of spacey electronics and sincere alt-country. Not for parties. Download: Dept. of Disappearance; Young Saints



### Iris DeMent

**Sing the Delta**  
*Country*

★★★★

It's been a while since we heard new songs by DeMent — 16 years, in fact. Thankfully, the Arkansas singer-songwriter hasn't lost her touch. Her fifth full-length feels instantly and reassuringly familiar, as the hickory-twanged vocalist looks back on her religious upbringing and examines her faith over a bed of heavenly country-gospel and earthy Southern soul. A glorious comeback. Download: The Kingdom Has Already Come



### The Mountain Goats

**Transcendental Youth**  
*Folk-Rock*

★★★★

The Mountain Goats run dark. Singer-songwriter John Darnielle's 14th outing is another masterwork of intensely bleak beauty, full of impeccably crafted folk-rock laden with melancholy melody, tender vocals, haunting horns and a cast of junkies, dealers, losers and fringe dwellers. Beneath the squalor and struggle, there is a simple goal: "Just stay alive." And keep striving for the light. Download: Lakeside View Apartments Suite; Cry for Judas



### Lupe Fiasco

**Food & Liquor II: The Great American Rap Album Pt. 1**  
*Hip-Hop*

★★★

Is he kidding with that title? The good news is no. Trouble is, that's also the bad news. Fiasco definitely raises the bar with his fourth record, unflinchingly tackling freedom, misogyny, politics, racism and other tough topics. But thanks to his relentless scolding — and too many lethargic beats as heavy-handed as his messages — this too often feels like a lecture instead of a lesson. Download: Around My Way (Freedom Ain't Free)

## Coming up

### NEXT WEEK

#### Lost Songs

... And You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead

#### Viva Duets

Tony Bennett

#### Christmas in the Sand

Colbie Caillat

#### Blak and Blu

Gary Clark Jr.

#### On This Winter's Night

Lady Antebellum

#### good kid, m.A.A.d city

Kendrick Lamar

#### Holidaydream

Polyphonic Spree

#### House of Gold & Bones Pt. 1

Stone Sour

#### Red

Taylor Swift

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