

### ""83 US FESTIVAL DAYS 1-3"

Yes, there were rock festivals in California between the Monterey Pop era and Coachella. Memorial Day weekend, 1983, hundreds of thousands flocked to a massive open-air field near Devore, San Bernadino. New Wavers, punks and metalheads merged to watch an amazing lineup. The man behind this wild party was Apple's Steve Wozniak. Though some of the big names are missing from this new release, there are more than enough iconic rock artists here, delivering electrifying performances. Among them are U2 (with Bono making a heart-stopping scaffold climb), INXS (with the incredibly magnetic Michael Hutchence strutting all over the place), Stevie Nicks, Missing Persons, Stray Cats, The Clash, Judas Priest, Divinyls, Men At Work, Scorpions, Berlin, The English Beat and Quarterflash. The documentary encompasses the whole festival experience, not just the blistering performances. Now you can enjoy US without having to worry about sunburns, bad acid or trying to find a Porta-Potty.

### "THE THOMAS WAY"

This new DVD, featuring everyone's favorite engine and his friend, contains six episodes, plus games and puzzles. The shows churn along at a brisk pace and the animation looks great. There are positive messages imbedded in the adventures, often dealing with relating to and understanding others. The colorful fun will keep the wee ones enthralled. Sure to please all your little conductors.

### "ACCIDENTALLY PRESERVED: VOL. 2"

The second volume in Ben Model's series of rare silent film comedies is brimming with unexpected delights. Only a handful of stars from the pre-talkie period have any name recognition today, nearly 100 years since they graced the silver screen. So it's fun to watch the antics of such now little known, but amusing performers as Neely Edwards, Lloyd Hamilton, Jimmy Harrison, Alberta Vaughn and child actor Malcolm "Big Boy" Sebastian. Silly situations abound. In "Why Wild Men Go Wild," an ardent young fellow disguises himself as a fearsome Neanderthal to impress a pretty girl with his ruggedness. In "Papa's Boy," a wealthy father, determined to toughen up his butterfly-collecting son, sends him on a camping expedition. The results are predictably and hilariously disastrous. The short was directed by Norman Taurog, whose long career later included "Boys Town," as well as several Martin & Lewis and Elvis Presley vehicles. One familiar superstar makes his presence felt here... sort of. The animated "Charley On The Farm" offers merriment courtesy of a character clearly patterned after Charlie Chaplin. Adding to the enjoyment in this collection are a 1925 advertisement for Christmas Seals and a safety film warning of the danger of blasting caps. The entire volume turns out to be a blast, as well as a valuable chunk of our cinematic and cultural history. Ben Model himself composed and recorded jaunty keyboard scores to enliven these entertaining shorts. Order your copy of these silent film rarities at [www.accidentallypreserved.com](http://www.accidentallypreserved.com).

### CDs

#### JELLYFISH - "RADIO JELLYFISH"

Jellyfish created some of the finest retro pop-rock sounds of the 90s, laden with hooks and harmonies. Their albums were lavishly and lovingly produced. But they didn't need all of the studio accoutrements to serve up irresistible music. Omnivore has released this new set, on CD and vinyl, that's comprised of 10 tracks taken from live radio broadcasts recorded in Holland and Australia. Acoustic versions of songs from the band's "Bellybutton" and "Spilt Milk" albums sound great, as do covers of The Move's "I Can Hear The Grass Grow" and Badfinger's "No Matter What." Other high points include "Baby's Coming Back" and "The Ghost At Number One."



#### JEFF JENSEN - "ROAD WORN AND RAGGED"

The blues-rocker captures the essence of life as a touring musician on "Road Worn and Ragged." Both his vocals and guitar-playing are packed with raw emotion. This gives the record a visceral power. On the rousing opener, "Brunette Woman," Brandon Santini's churning harmonica perfectly complements Jensen's riffs. "Heart Attack and Vine" reveals Hollywood's dark underbelly. Jensen's strong take on the classic "Little Red Rooster" will have you strutting, bobbing your head in time. "River Runs Dry" strikes a poignant note. On the final track, "Thankful," Jensen expresses that, after all the trials and tribulations, ultimately, there is gratitude for being able to follow his passion, the music.

#### TORD GUSTAVSEN QUARTET - "EXTENDED CIRCLE"

Norwegian pianist Gustavsen, joined by tenor saxophonist Tore Brunborg, double bassist Mats Elertsen and drummer Jarle Vespestad, creates meditative music that subtly touches upon many moods and paints seductive sonic landscapes. Wisps of mystery make these excursions even more intriguing, sometimes even otherworldly. Gustavsen's artistry, through discretion, truth and beauty, takes the listener far from the trodden path.

#### HELEN SUNG - "ANTHEM FOR A NEW DAY"

This rising pianist/composer has performed with many jazz legends. With "Anthem For A New Day," she establishes herself as one of the inspired artists who will carry the genre into a bright new future. Sung's original compositions, the title track and the optimistic "Hope Springs Eternally," are fueled by a fusion feel. On "Hidden," guest violinist Regina Carter and trumpeter Ingrid Jensen add elegant shadings to Sung's electric piano stylings. Sung is also a gifted arranger, finding new colors in such familiar tunes as "It Don't Mean A Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)" and "Never Let Me Go." Sung's piano touch displays great fluidity and individuality.

#### HOLLAND K. SMITH - "COBALT"

Smith, a singer-guitarist who hails from Fort Worth, simmers with a soulful style. His supple voice can smoothly handle everything from Texas blues-rock to R&B to jazzier inflections. And he serves up just the right amount of true grit. There's a compelling honesty that makes his music particularly powerful. A versatile songwriter, his guitar even takes on a Spanish flair for "Olhos Verdes [Green Eyes]." His memorable compositions include the subtly stormy "You Get What You Deserve," a heart-wrenching "Never Got The Blues" and the revealing ballad "The Secret."

#### LONE JUSTICE - "THIS IS LONE JUSTICE: THE VAUGHT TAPES, 1983"

Pioneering alt-country-band Lone Justice, riding the spectacular vocals of Maria McKee, is captured in this new release just as they were about to emerge on the L.A. scene. There's

Ellen Greene  
Elvis Costello  
Emmylou Harris  
Engelbert  
Erasure  
Eric Andersen  
Eric Burdon  
Faith Hill  
Fiona Apple  
Frank Black  
Fred Willard  
Frosted  
Gary Lewis  
Gene Hackman  
Geoffrey Rush  
Grace Slick  
Graham Parker  
Green Day  
Greg Kihn  
Gregory Hines  
Gruff Rhys  
Gunnar Nelson  
Halle Berry  
Harrison Ford  
Harry Belafonte  
Harvey Keitel  
Helena Bonham Carter  
Henry Rollins  
Herb Gardner  
Holly Hunter  
Huey Lewis  
Hugh Grant  
Hyapatia Lee  
Ian Hunter  
Ian Tyson  
Ileana Douglas  
Jack Bruce  
Jack Jones  
Jack Palance  
Jamie Bernstein  
Jane Siberry  
Jane Weidlin  
Janeane Garafalo  
Janis Ian  
Jeff Buckley  
Jeff Lynne  
Jen & Buns  
Jennifer Batten  
Jennifer Connelly  
Jeremy Northam  
Jerry Naylor  
Jesus & Mary Chain  
Jewel  
Jim Belushi  
Jim Carrey  
Jim McCarty  
Joan Baez  
Jody Stephens (Big Star)  
Joe Ely  
Joe Jackson  
Joel McHale  
Joh Hiatt  
John Cryer  
John Denver  
John Doe  
John Gorka  
John Hughes  
John Lydon  
John Mayall  
John Mellencamp  
John Paul Jones  
John Sebastian  
Johnny Depp  
Johnny Winter  
Jon Bon Jovi  
Jon Favreau  
Jorma Kaukonen  
Josie Bisset of Melrose Place  
Journey  
Judy Collins  
Julia Fordham  
Juliette Lewis  
Katie Sagal  
Kathleen Turner  
Katie Melua  
Keanu Reeves  
Keifer Sutherland  
Kenny Laguna  
Kim Basinger  
Kim Gordon  
Kris Kristofferson  
Larry King  
Laurence Juber  
Lemmy (Motorhead)  
Lenny Kravitz  
Les Claypool  
Lesley Gore  
Leslie Mann  
Linda Ronstadt  
Lisa Loeb  
Lita Ford  
Loudon Wainwright  
Louis Malle  
Lucinda Williams  
Luke Perry  
Lydia Pense  
Maria McKee  
Maria Muldaur  
Marianne Faithfull  
Marko Thomas  
Martin Mull  
Marty Balin  
Mary Wells  
Matt Dillon  
Max Weinberg  
Mel C  
Mel Torme  
Melissa Manchester  
Michael Biehn  
Michael Hutchence