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## My humble opinion

*Not into the new stuff?  
Clapton, Jethro  
Tull top our list of  
recent reissues*

# Oldies but goodies

Not stoked about any of this week's new releases? No sweat; there are also plenty of recently reissued oldies out there vying for your attention. Some standouts:

■ **Eric Clapton — MTV Unplugged: Deluxe + DVD:** Slowhand's 1992 acoustic live album was a milestone, selling 10 million copies and earning six Grammys (including three for *Tears in Heaven*, the poignant ballad about the death of his son). More than two decades later, it's been repackaged as a three-disc set, with the restored hour-long show on CD & DVD, plus a half-dozen audio outtakes and over an hour of rehearsal footage.

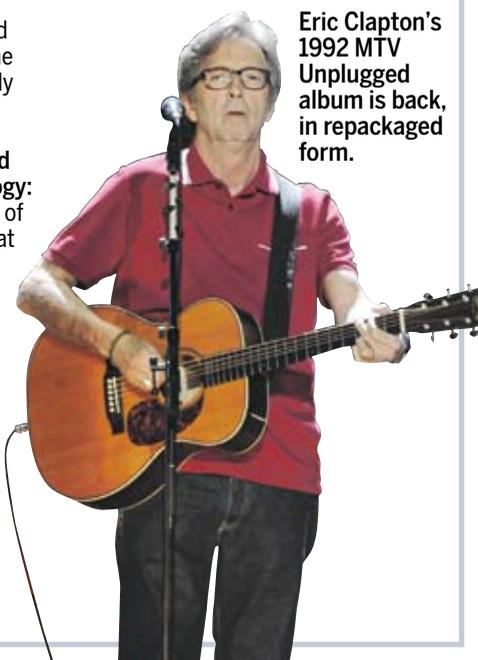
■ **The Bottle Rockets — The Bottle Rockets/The Brooklyn**

**Side:** Rowdy, rambunctious roots-rock. Earthy troubadourism. Mordant wit. These long-serving alt-country pioneers from Missouri have it all — though for some unfathomable reason, they're likely one of the best bands most folks haven't heard. Fix that by scoring this two-fer of their first two albums from the mid-'90s, bolstered with nearly 20 demos, live cuts and more.

■ **Jethro Tull — Benefit: A Collector's Edition:** Third time isn't always the charm. This 1970 offering from flute-rocker Ian Anderson and proggy partners didn't pack the same commercial punch as their followup *Aqualung*. But that hasn't deterred them from giving it a deluxe makeover by expanding the 10-song set with

more than 20 bonus tracks and a DVD of 5.1 mixes by Porcupine Tree's Steven Wilson. Everybody wins.

■ **Mark Lanegan — Has God Seen My Shadow? An Anthology: 1989-2011:** Indie-rock's prince of darkness has a rich resume that begins with Screaming Trees and includes collaborations with everyone from Queens of the Stone Age and Greg Dulli to Soulsavers and Isobel Campbell. Somewhere amid all that he's managed to release a catalogue of grimly magnificent solo fare — including the 20 songs on this retrospective, which are joined by 12 previously unissued cuts.



Eric Clapton's 1992 MTV Unplugged album is back, in repackaged form.

## Play it

Music on DVD and Blu-ray

### The Stone Roses

Made of Stone

The Second Coming continues. This 100-minute doc does double duty, capturing the seminal Madchester outfit's precarious 2012 reunion via new rehearsal and live footage while also chronicling their tumultuous career in archival interviews and clips.

### Dream Theater

Live at Luna Park: Deluxe Edition

DT don't do small. So naturally, their seventh live vid — capturing one typically supersized 160-minute Buenos Aires stadium show from 2013 — comes in a box with 3 CDs, 2 DVDs, a Blu-ray (plus all the usual backstage docs and bonus fare) and a 40-page book. Phew.

### Roy Buchanan

Live at Rockpalast

Buchanan's story ended tragically. But this understated 71-minute theatre gig taped for German television in 1985 — three years before his drunken suicide — features a triumphant performance from an influential blues-guitar hero at the height of his stunning powers.



Ian Brown of The Stone Roses

## In the pipeline

The albums and artists to listen for in the weeks ahead

Jan. 28



**The Autumn Defense**  
Fifth

**David Crosby**  
Croz

**Gaslight Anthem**  
B-Sides

**Angélique Kidjo**  
Eve

**The Lawrence Arms**  
Metropole

**Metallica**  
Through the Never  
DVD

**Ronnie Milsap**  
Summer Number  
Seventeen

**The Pack A.D.**  
Do Not Engage

**Amy Ray**  
Goodnight Tender

**The Small Faces**  
Here Come the Nice:  
The Immediate Years  
1967-1969

**Uncle Tupelo**  
No Depression: Legacy  
Edition

Metallica's Lars Ulrich (left) and Kirk Hammett

### Big Audio Dynamite II

Live

So you bought The Clash Sound System box — and now you want to expand your horizons. Well, you could do worse than this energetic 1992 London club show by guitarist Mick Jones and the second lineup of his forward-thinking, sample-loving funky bunch.



Mick Jones of Big Audio Dynamite

## Best of the Rest

More new music available this week

### Joel RL Phelps & The Downer Trio

★★★★ 1/2

Gala

What goes down must come up. Eventually. It's been 10 years since we heard from former Silkwormer Phelps. But the singer-guitarist returns at full strength, armed with his trusty yelp, darkly introspective lyrics and fuzzy Crazy Horse country-rock. Make him feel welcome.

### The Hooten Hallers

★★★★ 1/2

Chillicothe Fireball

What do you get when you combine a standup drummer, a tuba player and a singer-guitarist who rumbles like Tom Waits? A Missouri power trio that smacks you square in the puss with a greasy chicken-fried lump of feverish blues-rock lunacy. Shotgun that beer and crank it.

### Mark Lindsay

★★★★ 1/2

Life Out Loud

The British are coming back. Slowly. Released last summer but finally going wide, former Paul Revere and the Raiders' frontman Lindsay's return is a surprisingly solid sender — thanks in no small part to the jangle and crunch of garage-rocker Gar Francis. Plenty of kicks.

### Fred Eaglesmith

★★★★ 1/2

Tambourine

It's easy to overlook Fred. Eternal and everpresent, he's as much a part of our landscape as the Canadian Shield. But as his typically rich and rewarding 20th album of Dylan-esque alt-country narratives and roots-rock twang reminds us yet again, he's nothing short of a national treasure.