

Comedy and Music

VB Purchasing Guide

Rhapsodies in Blu

More suppliers are beginning to release music titles on Blu-ray. Perhaps nothing will be bluer than Rhino Entertainment's Nov. 4 Blu-ray release of *Blue Man Group: How to Be a Megastar Live*. Also coming to Blu-ray, as well as regular DVD, is Shout Factory's *Daryl Hall and John Oates: Live at the Troubadour*. A&E Home Video is getting into Blu-ray with titles that include *Paul McCartney: The Space Within Us*. Koch Vision's upcoming Blu-ray releases include *Soundstage Presents: Sheryl Crow Live*. And MVD Entertainment Group's upcoming Blu-ray slate includes *Blackalicious: 4/20 Live in Seattle*. **VB** —C.S.

Oct. 28

Blackalicious: 4/20 Live in Seattle MVD prebook now; BD \$19.95 Concert: The hip-hop performance from Seattle's Showbox Theater comes to Blu-ray.



Nov. 4

Blue Man Group: How to Be a Megastar Live! RHINO prebook now; BD \$19.98 Concert: The group takes viewers through the steps of their interactive show with all-ages appeal.

Nov. 11

Sheryl Crow: Live KOCH VISION prebook now; BD \$22.99 Concert: Sheryl Crow performs her hits as part of the PBS *Soundstage* concert series.

Nov. 18

Paul McCartney: The Space Within Us A&E/NEW VIDEO prebook 10-28; BD \$34.98 Concert: This film captures Paul McCartney during his 2005 U.S. tour.

Nov. 25

Daryl Hall and John Oates: Live at the Troubadour SHOUT FACTORY/SONY BMG prebook 10-31; DVD \$14.98, DVD with CD \$24.98, BD \$24.98 Concert: Daryl Hall & John Oates perform their music at West Hollywood, Calif.'s Troubadour for the first time in 35 years.



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JAN. 13

Little Britain USA HBO/WARNER prebook 12-9; DVD \$29.98 Comedy: These six episodes of the sketch comedy series feature guest appearances by Sting, Rosie O'Donnell and Vivica A. Fox.



Saxondale: Seasons 1 & 2 WARNER prebook 12-9; DVD \$39.98 Comedy: Steve Coogan stars in this series about a former roadie who now works in the pest control industry.

JAN. 20

This Is Spinal Tap FOX prebook 12-10; BD \$34.99 Comedy: The 1982 mockumentary about a British heavy metal band attempting an American comeback tour debuts on high-def.

Chris Rock: Kill the Messenger HBO/WARNER prebook 12-16; DVD \$19.97, three-disc \$29.98 Stand-up comedy: The comedian performs his fifth HBO stand-up special.

MUSIC

NOV. 4

Come Together: A Night for John Lennon's Words &

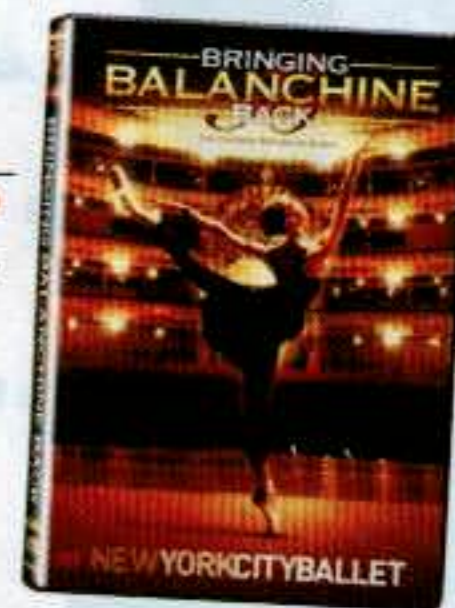
Music EAGLE ROCK/VIVENDI prebook now; DVD \$11.98 Concert: This 16-track performance was filmed at New York City's Radio City Music Hall in 2001 and includes such artists as Dave Matthews, Stone Temple Pilots, Cyndi Lauper and Alanis Morissette.

Rio EAGLE ROCK/VIVENDI prebook now; DVD \$14.98 Documentary: In this release from the *Classic Albums* series, Duran Duran gets its due for the 1982 album.

NOV. 11

Bringing Balanchine Back CITY LIGHTS prebook now; DVD \$19.95

Documentary: Kevin Kline narrates this film about the New York City Ballet's journey to St. Petersburg, Russia, the birthplace of the company's founder, George Balanchine.



Smashing Pumpkins: If All Goes

Wrong COMING HOME MEDIA prebook now; DVD \$21.98



Documentary: This two-disc set contains the documentary *If All Goes Wrong* and concert footage of the band's performance at the Fillmore in San Francisco.

Lucinda Williams: Live From Austin, TX '89 NEW WEST/RED prebook now; DVD \$16.98 Concert: Lucinda Williams' first performance at Austin City Limits is recorded.

NOV. 18

Gene Simmons Family Jewels: The Complete Season Three A&E/NEW VIDEO prebook 10-28; DVD \$24.95 Reality: The third season follows the Simmons family from Hawaii to Mexico, in four discs.

NOV. 25

Snakes & Arrows Live ZOE VISION/ANTHEM prebook 10-31; DVD \$24.98, BD \$29.98

Concert: This concert title features Rush performing two nights at the Netherlands' Ahoy Rotterdam. **VB**

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