

# Black History

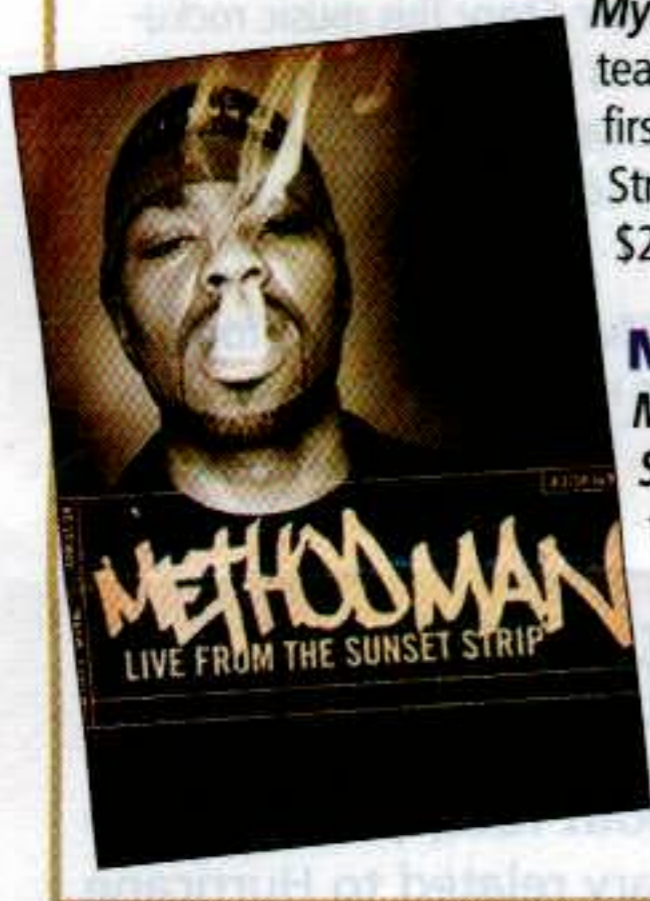
## VB Purchasing Guide

### Musical high-def releases

Two companies will celebrate Black History Month in high-definition—on HD DVD. The next recording artist to come to the format will be Wu Tang Clan emcee Method Man, when MVD issues the December release *Method Man: Live From the Sunset Strip*. Joining that release will be two more Image Entertainment titles on HD DVD. *R. Kelly Live! The Light It Up Tour* is the R&B singer's first live concert release, and *Mystery of the Nile* is an IMAX film coming to high-def. **VB** —C.S.

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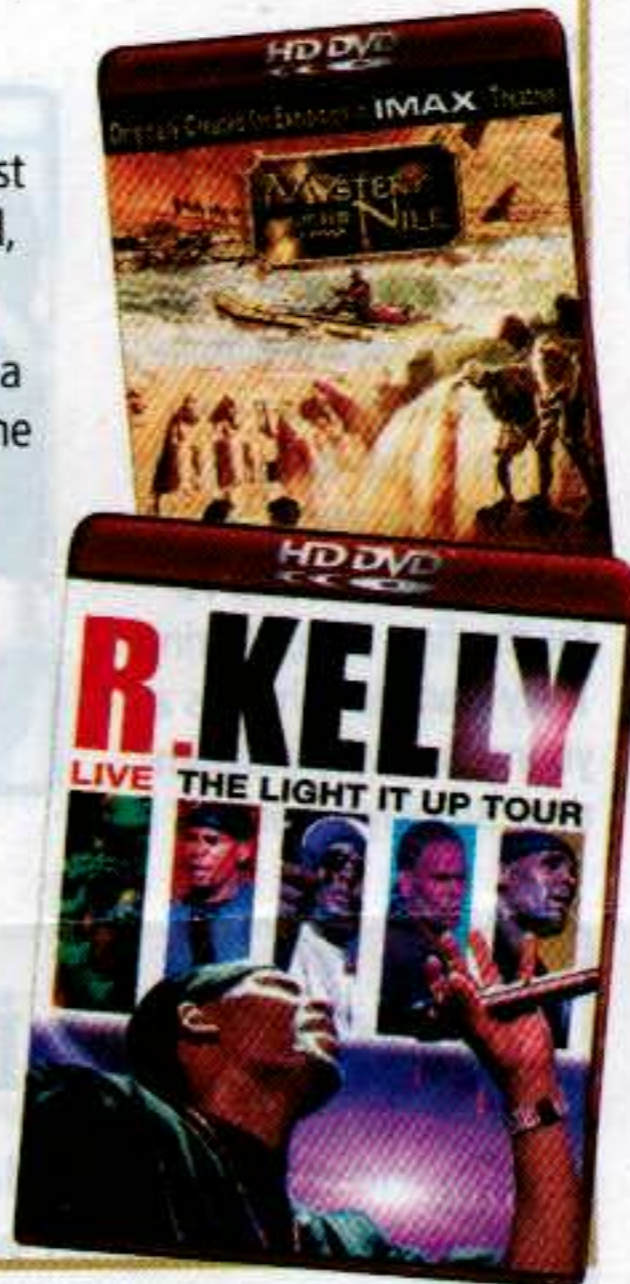
**R. Kelly Live! The Light It Up Tour** This title features the artist in his first live concert release, filmed at the famous Paramount Theater in Oakland, Calif. Street Dec. 18, prebook Nov. 6; HD DVD \$24.99



**Mystery of the Nile** This IMAX film follows a team of explorers that sets off to become the first to navigate the Blue Nile in Africa. Street Jan. 8, prebook Dec. 11; HD DVD \$24.99

#### MVD

**Method Man: Live From the Sunset Strip** This high-energy performance by the Wu Tang emcee is captured in high-definition, with songs including "Da Rockwilder," "Ice Cream," "Wu Tang Clan Ain't Nothing Ta F' Wit" and more. Street Dec. 11, prebook Nov. 6; HD DVD \$19.95

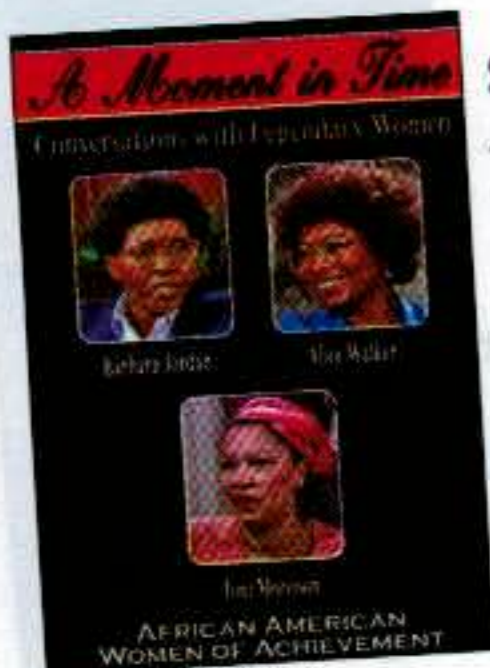


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series on the history of reggae. Street Jan. 22, prebook Dec. 18; DVD \$19.95

#### SALIENT/VIVENDI VISUAL

**Katt Williams: American Hustle** In this comedy, Williams sets out to be a Hollywood player but discovers it will require him to be in a musical penguin movie, so he takes his act and crew on a wild cross-country tour instead. Street Nov. 20, prebook now; DVD \$24.99



#### STARLIGHT

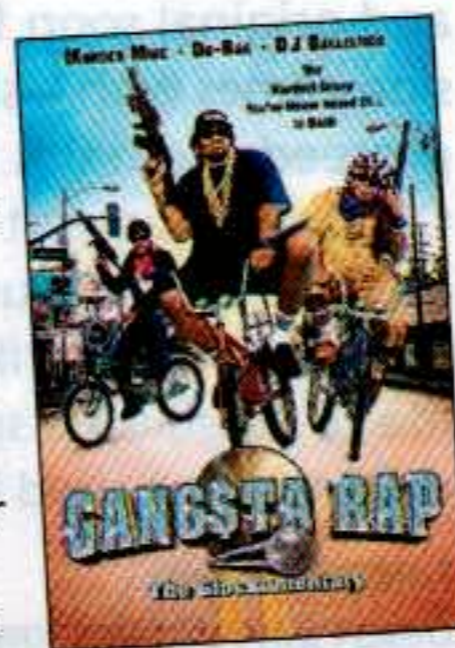
**A Moment in Time: Conversations With Legendary Women** This program includes profiles of cultural icons Barbara Jordan, Toni Morrison and Alice Walker. Street Jan. 29, prebook Dec. 11; DVD \$9.99

#### TASEIS/RYKO

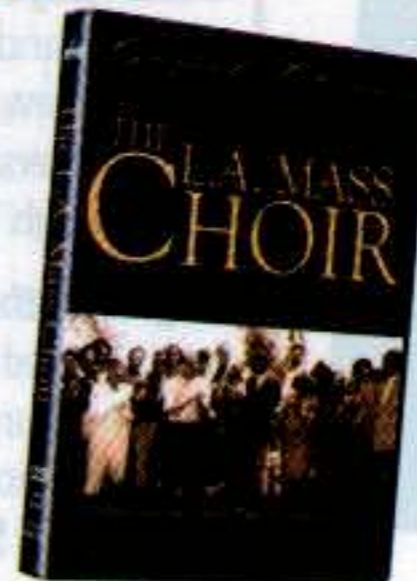
**The Ultimate Weekend** Features gospel greats Brent Jones & The T.P. Mobb. Street Feb. 12, prebook Jan. 18; DVD \$19.97

#### THINKFILM

**Gangsta Rap: The Glockumentary** This mockumentary is about '80s group Gangsta Rap, which fell into obscurity after several run-ins with the law, shady business management and countless child custody cases, but now, they're back with a vengeance. Street Feb. 5, prebook Jan. 10; DVD \$27.98



**Poor Boy's Game** Released from prison after serving time for the brutal beating of a black teen, Donnie Rose must face the wrath of the boy's father and make some difficult life choices. Street Feb. 19, prebook Jan. 24; DVD \$27.98



#### WARNER

**Alex Haley's Queen** (two-disc set \$24.98)

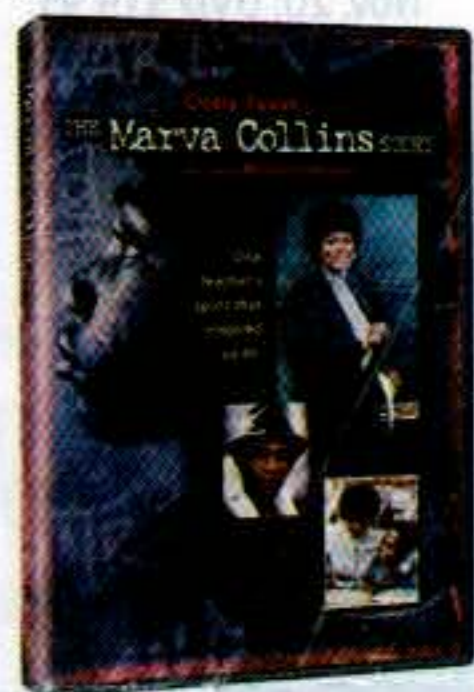
This acclaimed miniseries tells the story of Haley's grandmother, Queen, daughter of a black slave and white plantation owner, whose mixed heritage creates problems as she struggles with her place in life;

**Murder in Mississippi**

(DVD \$14.97) This film recounts the infamous 1964 murders of three civil rights activists by the Ku Klux Klan, as fictionalized in *Mississippi Burning*;

**The Marva Collins Story**

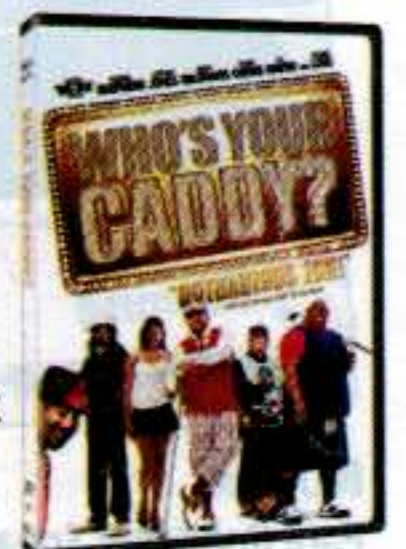
(DVD \$14.97) Originally aired as a Hallmark Hall of Fame special, this critically acclaimed program recounts the story of an inspirational teacher who faced the disapproval of her colleagues and used her own retirement money to establish the Westside Preparatory School in Chicago's inner city. All street Jan. 15, prebook Dec. 11



**Black August** Gary Dourdan (CSI) stars as inmate and activist George Lester Jackson, who became a flashpoint for revolution and ignited the bloodiest riot in San Quentin's history; **Show Stoppers** This film follows a group of young college girls as they compete in the vibrant discipline known as "stepping." Both street Feb. 5, prebook Jan. 2; DVDs \$19.97 each

#### WEINSTEIN/GENIUS

**Who's Your Caddy?** When an Atlanta rap mogul tries to join a conservative Carolina country club, sparks fly as he leaps every hurdle to force his way in. Street Nov. 27, prebook now; DVD \$28.95



#### XENON/VIVENDI VISUAL

**The L.A. Mass Choir** Features the choir nominated for multiple awards for their unique mix of traditional and contemporary gospel sounds; **Commissioned in Concert** This celebrated pop-gospel group has been nominated for four Grammy Awards and six Stellar Awards; **The New Jersey Mass Choir: I'll Tell It** This choir is renowned among both gospel and mainstream music fans. All street Nov. 13, prebook now; DVDs \$14.99 each **VB**

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