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"I write about, I guess you could say, alternative sexuality." -- Rhonda Leigh Jones, author of "The Maestro's Butterfly," a vampire novel set in Hephzibah



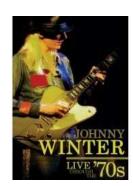




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"Johnny Winter: Live Through The `70s"

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"Johnny Winter: Live Through The '70s"

AUGUSTA, GA - I have to admit that, up until now, I've never paid much mind to the career of Johnny Winter. In fact, the extent of my retrospective interest in him (I mean, hey, I was just being my retrospective interest in nim (I mean, ney, I was just being born when his career was hitting its stride) probably had more to do with wondering who was the odder-looking sibling duo of that time period: the Winter brothers (Johnny and Edgar) or the Allman brothers (Gregg and Duane)? In addition, I've never really been a huge fan of "white blues", although I'd consider Johnny Winter to be a solid standard-bearer of the blues genre. He even produced a handful of noot to great Muddy Woter albume. handful of good-to-great Muddy Waters albums.

While Johnny Winter still tours to this day, his career essentially slumped off at the end of the '70s. The beginning of that decade, however, had him collaborating with the likes of Rick Derringer or an early version of the hit song, "Rock And Roll, Hootchie Koo," not to mention — as evidenced by MVD Visual's recent release, "Johnny Winter: Live Through The '70s" (available online at musicvideodistributors.com) — an onstage alliance with his MUSICVIGEOGIST/DUCOTS.COM) — an onstage aliance with nis brother, Edgar; working out an early rendition of the future Edgar Winter Band's soon-to-be enormously successful organ-rock instrumental, "Frankenstein." Throughout the rest of the '70s he continued to carry the blues-rock torch. At nearly two hours in length, you'll find much evidence of that on this disc, along with bits of interesting archival interviews that provide some insight into his personal philosophies of the rock culture. I recommend it to fans of the genre, but others may find it too much of a good thing. Go, Johnny, go.

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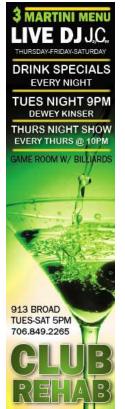


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