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Magical Mystery Tour Memories [Wienerworld]

From an artistic standpoint, the Beatles' *Magical Mystery Tour* is considered their least consequential film project. Trippy, meandering and misdirected, it has none of the wit of *A Hard Day's Night*, the slapstick of *Help!* or the real-life tension of the *Let It Be* documentary. Of course, the music was absolutely classic, but when you're talking about a retrospective DVD without the benefit of licensed tracks, what's the point? *Magical Mystery Tour Memories* is for diehards only. Bit players and observers share their memories over archival stills and home movies of the making of 1967's *Magical Mystery Tour* film. There are interesting stories — this is the Beatles — but there aren't even any clips of the actual movie. Unless you're the most intense of the band's many historians, this is one "making of" that's completely passable. [Paul LaRocco]

