

## **Times Record News**

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### **The Beatles: Rare and Unseen**

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Just when you thought you knew everything there is to know about The Beatles, along comes a DVD with new and never-seen before footage of the Fab Four playing, and interviews with those who were there when the famed band was getting started.

“The Beatles: Rare and Unseen” is a collection of home-videos, concert footage, and interviews with folks such as Genesis drummer Phil Collins, “Dancing with The Stars” judge Len Goodman, and others who were around as The Beatles were skyrocketing to fame in the early 60s.

There is footage of the boys on stage during one of their earliest gigs in Liverpool, as well as on tour in Scotland. There are some home-videos shot by Ringo Starr of the band in the Bahamas while they were filming “Help,” and footage from their gig in Paris. There are also clips from an interview with John Lennon for a French television broadcast. John talks about the advice the band was given as they were first starting to hit the big time. “Quit smoking on stage, quit eating chicken on stage, and quit dancing around,” he explained with a grin, “So we did, but it was hard to give up the chicken.”

It’s interesting to hear Phil Collins talk about the band, and how much he admired them. He was only 13 when he was an extra in the movie “Hard Day’s Night,” and he speaks about how influenced he was by The Beatles. Also captivating was hearing Sylvie Vartan, a French pop star in her own right in those days, talk about what shy and sweet boys the guys were.

While this DVD firmly states on the box that this is an “unauthorized” documentary, and the way it is put together is a little on the cheesy side, it’s still fascinating to hear from some of the old timers who worked with Paul, George, John and Ringo and who helped them on their way to becoming one of the biggest rock bands in the world.