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DVD SPOTLIGHT

"Composing the Beatles Songbook: Lennon and McCartney 1957-1965"
(MVD), 3 1/2 Stars

Another recently released DVD likely to intrigue Beatles' fans is "Composing The Beatles Songbook." As opposed to a lot of "talking head" scholarly reflections typical of this genre of documentary, this one is brought alive thanks to plenty of Beatles' performance footage as well as the very astute observations of interview subjects including journalists Maureen Cleave, Robert Christgau and Peter Doggett, among many others, as well as Beatles' longtime friend Klaus Voorman.

This is very well done, but buyers should definitely take note of the title as it only takes viewers up until the release of "Rubber Soul" in 1965. A lot of Lennon and McCartney's most unforgettable work came after that, so hopefully there's a Part 2 coming down the road at some point.

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"Stanley Jordan Trio- The Paris Concert" has one of the most gifted guitarists of his generation, performing in Paris in 2007 and backed up by Charnett Muffett and David Haynes.

- Eddy Friedfeld