

Beatles memories

A pretty good retrospective documentary about the hoopla surrounding the making of the telefilm, **Magical Mystery Tour** (Dec 97), **The Beatles Magical Mystery Tour Memories**, is available from Wienerworld and MVD (UPC#760137477990, \$20). A few insiders are interviewed, who tell the basic tale of the slapdash way in which the meandering film was put-together, but the most enjoyable reminiscences are from fans who happened to luck out and be at the right place and the right time when the Beatles were shooting one scene or another. Some landed parts as extras, while others just got to see their idols up close. Basically running as long as **Tour** itself, the 54-minute program also has great home movies of the Beatles on the shoot and archival press footage covering the general pandemonium. The instrumental passages from the film seem to be utilized for the musical score, although there is apparently some cover work as well. It is in stereo and is reasonably dimensional. The full screen picture is at the mercy of the source material, but looks okay. There is no captioning. There are also 20 minutes of deleted segments.