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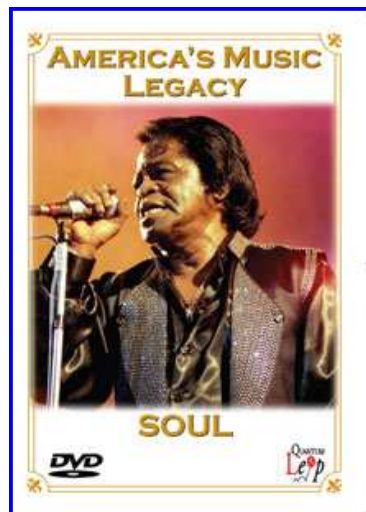
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[DVD Review: Americas Music Legacy – Soul](#)

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The America's Music Legacy is a series that was recorded between 1983 and 1985. It lets us hear from the musical legends that perform the songs that the world continues to listen to, because they are truly the best of all that in America.

Soul music starts from the black experience in America through the transmutation of gospel and rhythm & blues into a form of funky secular testifying.

Leon Isaac Kennedy is our host and he does a good job introducing the guests performers as he gives a little background information about them such as how Gladys Knight and The Pips got their name.

First up on stage is James Brown who performs Rap Payback and Jam. Later in the show he comes back and sings The Man Understands.

Second Ben E. King is introduced as he performs Spanish Harlem. There is a brief interview with him and then he comes back on camera singing I Who Have Nothing.

Mary Bond Davis sings This Is It.

Tyrone Davis gets the audience's attention with Turn Back The Hands of Time. He is then shown during a short interview before he performs In The Mood.

Maxine Nightingale does a fine job with Lead Me On and Right Back Where We Started From.

Gladys Knight and The Pips gives an excellent performance singing I Will Fight. You Are The Best Thing

That Ever Happened To Me, Midnight Train To Georgia and then later in the show Save The Overtime.

Rufus Thomas sings Do The Push and Pull.

Carla Thomas who is Rufus's daughter is welcomed as she performs I Like What You Do To Me.

Jerry Butler also known as the Ice Man gets out on stage singing Hey, Western Union Man.

Freda Payne sings her big hit Band of Gold but I was disappointed that she didn't perform her hit song, Bring The Boys Home. I remember it when I was 16 years old waiting for my boyfriend to return home from Vietnam, so this one was kind of dear to my heart.

Percy Sledge comes out singing You Had To Be There.

Otis Redding shown in a film clip singing his hit Satisfaction.

Gladys Knight and The Pips, Rufus Thomas, Carla Thomas, Jerry Butler, Freda Payne. And Percy Sledge end the show performing I Heard It Through The Grapevine.

All in all I really enjoyed this DVD. I was disappointed not to hear some of my favorite hits by some of these awesome artists but I was happy with the choice of songs picked here. If you like Soul music then I would suggest this DVD Americas Music Legacy – Soul. It goes on sale December 7, 2010 and you can pre-order your copy with Amazon if you click on the icon above.

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