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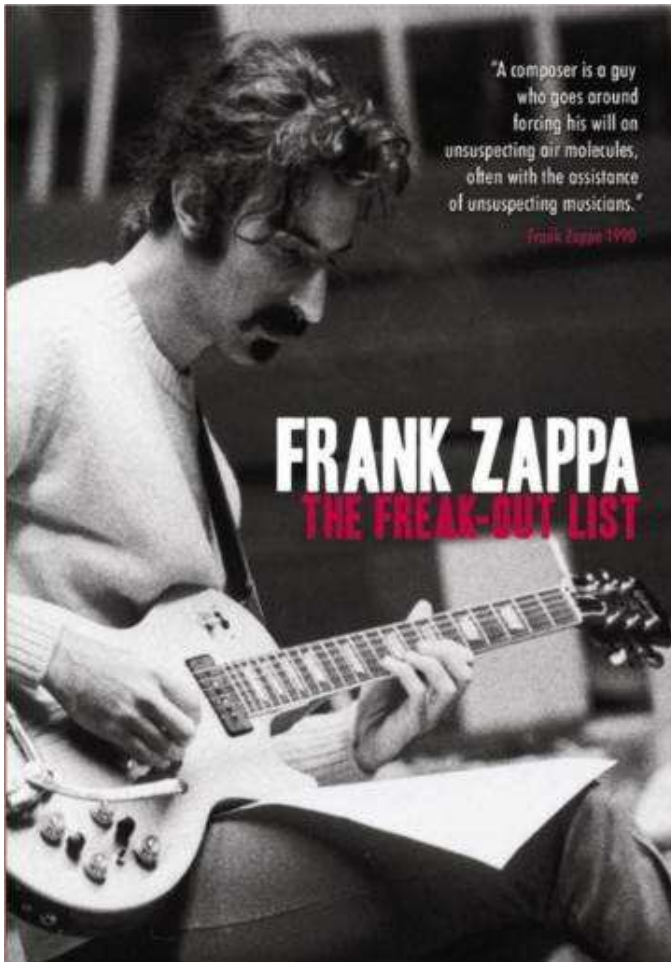
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## New Frank Zappa DVD Freaks Out

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“How could anyone who liked Varese and Stockhausen like doo-wop?!” former Frank Zappa cohort Ian Underwood asks early in *The Freak-Out List*, Sexy Intellectual’s interesting new film about Zappa’s famously disparate influences. Zappa catalogued 179 names in the original liner notes to *The Mothers of Invention*’s quirky 1966 debut *Freak Out!*, pointing listeners to the artists who had informed the then-25-year-old composer/guitarist/singer’s simultaneously super high and super low brow music. “He just loved music, period,” concludes 70’s Zappa keyboardist/singer George Duke later in *The Freak-Out List*, and it’s true: before his death due to cancer almost 30 years later, Zappa’s list kept growing, along with the scope of his iconoclastic songwriting. Despite only including a few Zappa tunes – due to the late rock legend’s notoriously ornery estate – *The Freak-Out List* does a great job of

utilizing memorable interviews with noted musicologists and musicians and captivating rare Zappa footage to delineate the self-sufficient musical education of one of the most fascinating artists in American history.

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