



"Eric Clapton - The 1960s Review" Various Contributors (MVDvisual, 4 1/2 stars)

This 9/21 two-hour DVD program looks back at a time when Eric Clapton wasn't just a commercially-successful solo artist but a pivotal, influential member of the British music scene. In the decade of his emergence, he was an early member of the Yardbirds, a crucial member of John Mayall's Bluesbreakers, a founding member of Cream and of the early supergroup Blind Faith.

His work during that decade is put under the microscope here using archive interviews with Eric and others, rare classic performance footage and much more. The comprehensive program analyzes Clapton's mercurial musical wanderings during his time of greatest influence. Bill Halverson's analysis of the amazing Leslie sound on my favorite Cream song, "Badge," is my favorite bit.

Clapton fans and Sixties trivia lovers will want this one.

- Ricky Flake