Sunday, November 7, 2010 Last updated 11:12 a.m. PT

Would you recommend this story?

Recommend

4 people recommend this.



Music DVD Review: Brian Wilson - Brian Wilson: **Songwriter 1962-1969**

By DAVID BOWLING BLOGCRITICS.ORG

I'm sure that at least several million words have been written about the career of The Beach Boys and its guiding spirit Brian Wilson. Now, Music Video Distributors has released a new DVD set that seeks to expand on that knowledge.



· Interview: Sheila Roberts,

Author of The Snow Globe

Gardener by L.B.

Gschwandtner

Brian Wilson: Songwriter 1962-1969 is an ambitious, two DVD, and 190 minute set that may not introduce a great deal of new material but gathers a lot of the old into one place in a cogent and understandable manner. It wisely concentrated on the early period of his career which allows for a more intimate examination of its various parts. Hopefully a second edition will pick up where this one left off.

If it is one thing, it is extensive. The title is a little misleading as it explores more that just his songwriting talents and production. It also examines his personality, musicianship, The Beach Boys, and the culture against which he

It is a technically excellent production and the interviews, clips, and performances are expertly

woven among the dialogue to produce both an interesting and fast paced documentary. The inside of the gatefold package provides a nice collage of pictures from various points in his and The Beach Boys career.

The documentary begins not only at the beginning of his career but with a short history of surf music itself, which evolved as a primarily instrumental discipline, where twang laden guitars and rhythms transmitted the feeling of surfing. It was Brian Wilson who put those feelings into words and told the story of not only surfing but the idyllic and eternal summer and teen culture.

An interesting stop in his formative years was an examination of The Four Freshmen who were so instrumental in the development of his approach to the harmonies which would dominate The Beach Boys sound.

His career is followed from its first hit "Surfin" to his early studio work, and onward to the first modern sounding single "Surfin' USA." His relationship with his father Murry is presented. His studio technique and its development as one of the leading and influential producers in music history is explored.

All the major stops in his career are examined and many in depth. The Pet Sounds and aborted Smile projects are present as are some of his lesser stops such as

A host of Brian Wilson acquaintances and intimates are on hand to provide interviews. One of the most crucial is early Beach Boys member David Marks whose stories about the group's and Wilson's early career are interesting and informative. Also contributing are Bruce Johnston, Hal Blaine, Beach Boys manager Fred Vail, producers Bill Halverson & Russ Titelman, biographers Peter Ames & Dominic Priore, plus such musicians as Bill Hinsche, Danny Hutton, and others.

The set is filled with a number of historical performances and the music is re-assessed as to its value and impact. Archival footage gives the production an

Brian Wilson: Songwriter 1962-1969 is an exhaustive look into the first decade of an American music genius. It should please his long time fans plus introduce him to some new ones as well.

MUSIC GALLERIES



rock singers of

all time





singers? 20 contenders More Music Galleries I All Galleries

2010: Show

ADVEDTISING



A Mom's White Teeth

Dentists don't want you to know about THIS \$4 teeth whitening...

Oaks: Job Scams (BEWARE)

We Investigated work at home jobs and our findings are shocking







Oaks: Mom Discovers \$5 Whitening Trick Dentists DON'T want you knowing about this teeth whitening secret!

Oaks: Job Scams (EXPOSED)

We investigated work at home jobs and what we found may shock.



Flyerboard





Local advertising by PaperG



Battle At The Boat 79 Saturday, Nov 13, 7:00 pm Emerald Queen Casino, Tacoma

Usher's OMG Tour



Wednesday, Nov 10, 7:30 pm KeyArena at Seattle Center, Seattle



10 11 12 12 1A 15 16 AII



ap: top headlines

· Fla. county puts schools on lockdown after threat

w

Obama: Strong US economy

key to global recovery · Slow tow home for thousands on

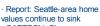
- disabled ship · Feds propose graphic cigarette
- warning labels Jobless claims fall sharply to
- 4-month low → more

ap: local



- · Boeing delays more 787 test flights, shares drop
- Suspect arrested in slaying of
- Morton teen · Forks students fight for Sex
- Pistols T-shirts · Spokane Goodwill program helps
- convicted veterans ▶ more

most read



- CARTOON: Obama recreates himself
- UK paper: Seattle a 'good advertisement for the US'
- · Endless political polls: Does lying serve the public good?
- Renton man arrested in death of Morton teen
- ▶ more

most e-mailed

· Report: Seattle-area home values continue to sink

- David Horsey: CARTOON:
- Obama recreates himself
 · State suspends six insurance companies, alleges bad record-
- keeping
 APNewsBreak: Boeing SC training has \$3M deficit
- The Big Blog: Microsoft: One in five have dropped a phone in the toilet **→** more

popular soundoffs

- · McGinn: No parking tax means no bike/walk plan

 · Again? Voters may be asked to pay more for transportation
- McGinn, one 'stubborn
- Irishman,' isolates himself FBI: 23 child prostitutes found in local raids
- 'My boyfriend proposed in a disappointing way

ap: odd news



- child's birth Jobless claims fall sharply to
- 4-month low NY man looking for drugs calls
- 'Crime Stoppers · Car-struck deer flies through windshield, out back
- · Police: Job applicant commits robbery just outside ▶ more
- Help/troubleshoot
- Customize headlines
- My account

OUR AFFILIATES





2 of 3 11/10/2010 12:24 PM