



**'Brian Wilson: Songwriter 1962-1969,' (Chrome Dreams/MVDvisual, 5 stars!)**

This Nov. 23, two-DVD package is a documentary film in which the rich tapestry of Brian Wilson's music, written and produced, is investigated and reviewed. With the main feature running more than three hours across two discs, the songs Brian wrote for and recorded with The Beach Boys during the 1960s are re-assessed to startling effect.

Features include -- Obscure footage, rare archive interviews and seldom seen photographs -- Contributions from fellow Beach Boys Bruce Johnston and David Marks; Wrecking Crew musicians Carol Kaye and Hal Blaine; friend/Beach Boys manager Fred Vail; producers Russ Titelman/Bill Halverson; Wilson family friends Billy Hinsche/ Danny Hutton, biographers Peter Ames Carlin/Domenic Priore and many others -- Recordings of many Brian Wilson classics.

Though the Beach Boys story and Brian's disconnection from them at the end of the decade took many strange twists and turns, Brian re-emerged comparatively recently to reclaim the album and songs that led in many ways to his dissolution, Smile.

Beach Boys backers and fans of one of America's leading composers should snag this one.

- Ricky Flake

Read more: [http://www.sunherald.com/2010/11/25/2667903/latest-from-bee-gees-brian-wilson.html?story\\_link=email\\_msg#ixzz16xUFvEK9](http://www.sunherald.com/2010/11/25/2667903/latest-from-bee-gees-brian-wilson.html?story_link=email_msg#ixzz16xUFvEK9)