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## DVD Review: Brian Wilson – Songwriter 1969 – 1982

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Brian Wilson is an American musician who is best known as the leader and chief songwriter of the popular group, The Beach Boys. As a young boy, Brian listened to The Four Freshmen records and others in that time period when he noticed that he had the talent for writing and arranging music in a style of his own. Along with his two brothers, Dennis Wilson and Carl Wilson and their first cousin Mike Love, Brian created songs for them to sing along to. The group would sing at local parties and such for years when Mike told Brian they needed to form a group of their own.

Along with a college friend, Al Jardine, the group set up The Beach Boys, with their first song being "Surfin". Brian's father Murry managed to get the group signed up with Capitol Records and got them a seven year contract. Brian made himself the leader of the group and was uniquely writer/producer/arranger/musician and lead vocalist of the band. Along with his cousin, Mike, he wrote a handful of top forty singles including "California Girls", "Surfin USA", "Surfer Girl", "Little Deuce Coupe", "Don't Worry Baby", "Wouldn't It Be Nice", "God Only Knows" and the number one hits in America, "I Get Around", "Help Me Rhonda", and "Good Vibrations".

This DVD, Brian Wilson, Songwriter 1963 – 1982 covers the maverick composer's life and work throughout the 1970's. While this latter part of his career is rarely championed with the same kind of enthusiasm that greets his 1960's productions, it remains an essential part of Brian's story and contains many moments of glory which compare favorably to those which litter the era generally considered his heyday.

Features included in this DVD are:

- \* Historical musical performances and rare and classic recordings re-accessed by a panel of esteemed experts.
- \* Obscure footage rare archive interviews and seldom seen photographs.
- \* Contributions from Beach Boys manager, Fred Vail; Brian's sometimes co-producer. David Sandler; his close friend, Mark Volman; Brother Records Studio engineers, Earl Mankey and Stephen Desper; plus Beach Boy Bruce Johnston and the Wrecking Crew's Hal Blaine.
- \* Live and studio recordings of many Brian Wilson classics and obscurities
- \* Review, criticism and comment from biographers and writers Peter Ames Carlin, Domenic Priore, Professor Phillip Lambert and Barney Hoskyns.



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Brian Wilson

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In my time I was definitely a Beach Boy's fan and to this day when I hear one of their songs playing it takes me back to the 70's and lots of good memories. If you would like to learn more about Brian Wilson, click on the Amazon Link above and get your own copy.

Jan Barrett

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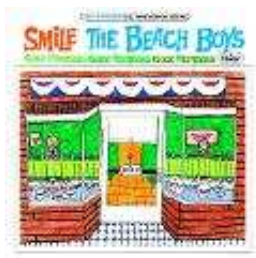
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