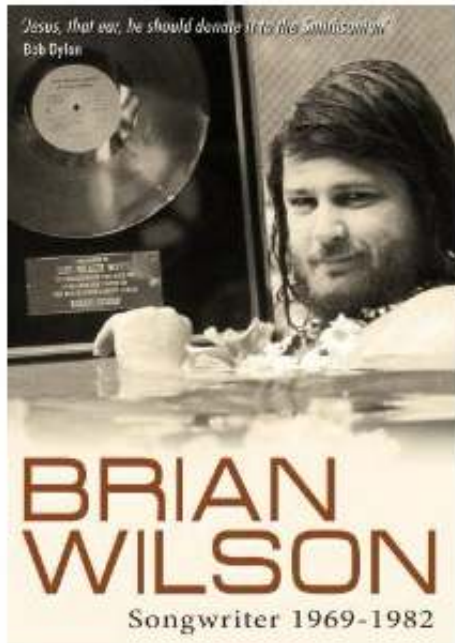


Brian Wilson Songwriter 1969-1982



(<http://www.dvdsnapshot.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/BrianWilson.jpg>) **Official Synopsis:**

Following Sexy Intellectual's previous film about Brian Wilson's magnificent craft; Songwriter 1962 – 1969, comes this companion piece covering the maverick composer's life and work throughout the 1970s. While this latter part of his career is rarely championed with the same kind of enthusiasm that greets his 1960s productions, it remains an essential part of Brian's story and contains many, many moments of glory which compare favorably to those which litter the era generally considered his heyday.

Our Take:

Even though I hadn't seen the previous film, I enjoyed **Brian Wilson Songwriter 1969-1982**. I'll admit I have a few Beach Boys songs on the iPod, but can't say I'm a huge fan. I know their work, but didn't know much of their story. I knew Brian Wilson was way out there and that *Pet Sounds* was a game changing album, but I had no idea they had albums that didn't sell. They had a run of albums that didn't even break the Billboard top 100.

Of course there's many reasons for that and this film explains why. Sure Brian was a wee bit off his rocker, but he was a musical genius forced to give in to record labels and band in-fighting. Brian wanted to take the band into a different direction, but the label of course wanted more hits that kids could dance to. Other band members took over writing and recording while Brian was doing his thing playing in a sandbox in his home. Yeah the film definitely covers that aspect of his life. I could go on about his life, but the film will cover that for you. And man what an odd life.

Special Features:

Extended Interviews

- Featurettes
- Behind the Music
- Out of Bed/The Man Behind the Myth
- Brian Goes Country
- Contributor Biographies

Conclusion:

Fans of the Beach Boys/Brian Wilson will definitely enjoy **Brian Wilson Songwriter 1969-1982**, but many others will too. Music fans in general will surely like it. It's also a great human interest piece on a man that could rival anyone coming out of England during that time period when it came to production and songwriting. Plus without him we wouldn't have the great Barenaked Ladies song "Brian Wilson".

RECOMMENDED!

Overall Picture:

Movie: **B+**

Extra Features: **B+**

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