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"Brian Wilson: Songwriter 1969-1982"

With the Beach Boys recently completing a worldwide reunion tour, the arrival of this unauthorized biodoc is timely. The second of a two-part project, it looks at prolific Beach Boys creative genius Brian Wilson's musical efforts after the heady days of the band's biggest hits are over. In addition to rare footage and photos, the film interviews biographers, critics and Wilson associates, including Beach Boys manager Fred Vail; sometime co-producer David Sandler; Mark Volman from the Turtles; collaborator Stephen Kalinich; Three Dog Night's Danny Hutton; Beach Boy member Bruce Johnston; and the Wrecking Crew's Hal Blaine. Unrated, 134 minutes. DVD extras: extended interviews and three featurettes. From **MVD Visual.** Released in October.

- Chris Ball