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**Homage
Jimmy Somerville**

With "Smalltown Boy" just celebrating its 30th year anniversary, the former lead vocalist of Bronski Beat is fulfilling a musical dream of capturing the original flavor of classic disco with his new release, *Homage*. To coin a phrase once again, he has "hit that perfect beat." A remarkable quality of sounds, which sound right out of Studio 54, blend perfectly with his timeless vocals. Just listen to the first single "Travesty" as Somerville steps up to the plate, and hits a home run for his love of disco. **Available now.**

**It's the Girls
Bette Midler**

It's three times "divine" as Ms. Midler presents a joyous celebration of the very finest harmonies of several terrific trios of women vocalists. *It's the Girls* presents Bette for her 25th album, in a positive glow singing selections from TLC, The Andrews Sisters, The Exciters ("Tell Him") and more. Let's just put it this way...it's a sure bet that Midler has put her heart and soul in triplicate on this. Personally, I can't wait to hear her sing "Give Him a Great Big Kiss." **Available November 4**

**Whitney Houston Live:
Her Greatest Performances
Whitney Houston**

When it comes to honoring the wondrous and extraordinary gift of song that Whitney Houston was given, there is no one better to do so, than Clive Davis. For the first time, Davis has handpicked and showcased her very finest live performances for a collection that is going to be simply "priceless." "Love is a Contact Sport" and a very spiritual one at that...when Whitney's voice hits the air. Whitney Houston truly brings these moments in time on home. **Available November 10**

HEAR THIS:

Hugh Hefner

Award-winning British filmmaker Tony Palmer's rarely-seen 1973 documentary zooms in for a fascinating expose. Putting the "play and pleasure" into his publication *Playboy*, here is Hugh Hefner in all his glory... circa the early 1970s. This is twenty years after creating the publishing dynasty with just a \$600 investment of his own money in 1953. Hef's ideology in regards to the sexual revolution is at the forefront and all his "playmates" create an indulgent, yet culturally captivating time capsule of the era.

Available now

**Lady Valor:
The Kristin Beck Story**

A military veteran with twenty years under his belt as an elite U.S. Navy SEAL shares a journey of transformation from male to female. His quest for the realization of true-self is an amazingly touching and brave story. Examined through not only Kristin's perspective but with interviews with family and friends, *Lady Valor* is a thought-provoking documentary that opens the door to a better understanding of the emotions, conflicts and truth of self-identity... and the freedom in letting go of the secret. **Available November 11**

Southern Baptist Sissies

Since its premiere in 2000 and written by Del Shores, *Southern Baptist Sissies* hasn't ceased being a powerful and humorous story of coming to terms with your gay sexuality under the eyes and teachings of the Baptist church. Four teenagers follow their individual paths in understanding the conflicting emotions of being "sissified." This is interspersed with a juxtaposition of humor and sadness as shared by a gay barfly Leslie Jordan and his drinking gal-pal, Dale Dickey, who share a slice of life from their angle.

Available November 11

WATCH THIS:

**Cookbook Book
Annahita Kamali and Florian Bohm**

Cookbook Book is tailor-made for those who not only love to cook but delight in collecting cookbooks. The beautifully illustrated history and celebration of this book showcases the most memorable and unique cookbooks of the past 300 years with highlighted recipes included. It is also an in-depth look at the art and design of cooking in the presentation of the printed format. A coffee table-sized and glorious collection of the evolution of culinary guides for cooking at home is now ready to be served.

Available November 3

**Food Truck
Road Trip-A Cookbook
Kim Pham, Philip Shen
and Terri Phillips**

More than a recipe book, *Food Truck Road Trip* is a vast journey across the United States exploring not only delicious food prepared on wheels but presenting thoughtful insights from the cooks themselves. Filled with a wide array of authentic and delicious dishes from all parts of the country, this is an opportunity to bring these "food truck" recipes straight to your front door for an innovative culinary experience. A novel way to enjoy your own food excursion... without tacking on the mileage. **Available November 4**

**Food & Wine: Chefs' Easy
Weeknight Dinners
Editors of Food & Wine**

25 of America's top chefs take a busman's holiday of sorts and share their own relatively simple and tasty weeknight meals... prepared when they are out of the "spotlight" and on-the-spot to prepare food at home. The 100 recipes provided are infused with their own clever ideas, shortcuts and interesting flavor choices. The chapters for *Food & Wine: Chefs' Easy Weeknight Dinners* are conveniently organized by main and side dishes and are guaranteed to please the taste buds with the transformation. **Available November 4**

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