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Elvis Costello's *Spectacle Season 2* on DVD is Special and Spectacular

A [SoundPress.net Feature Article](#) by Rich and Laura Lynch

"Elvis Costello - Quite The Spectacle!"

Musician Elvis Costello is known for an impressive body of work dating back to the punk/new wave movement of the 1970's. Costello has collaborated with a remarkable list of high level acts including Paul McCartney (their songs turned up on five separate albums over almost a decade), Burt Bacharach, Chet Baker, Lucinda Williams, Rosanne Cash, Fall Out Boy, Aimee Mann, Tony Bennett and more.



Currently, Elvis is the host of the TV talk/music show *Spectacle* on the sundance Channel. Both the first and second seasons are available on DVD and Blu-ray and are entitled *Spectacle: Elvis Costello With....* The program has a standard format but the conversations can go in any direction and the song selections usually include something obscure. Elvis is insightful and the diversity of music is interesting. Both season sets include bonus features such as unseen footage, behind the scenes, additions songs and extra episodes.

The show starts with Elvis and his band interpreting a track either by or connected with the guest artist (s). Costello's rap includes creative commentary about the performer who then comes out. Elvis and his guest talk about musical influences. Costello often shares his memories of seeing the artist for the first time or asking questions about his favorite songs, which leads to the guest playing an unusual track that the host has requested. The chat and music continues with the show ending in a song where Costello the collaborator frequently jams with the artist(s).

Spectacle showcases a diverse line up ranging from legends, newcomers and the talented but under-appreciated. Highlights of the first season were Elton John, The Police, Herbie Hancock and Smokey Robinson. Season two featured Bruce Springsteen, Bono and The Edge and a number of episodes with a combination of artists all playing together. *Spectacle: Elvis Costello With...* is engaging and highly entertaining!



On Season 2, viewers will share in the passion of seven intriguing episodes of chords and conversation with superstar singers and songwriters, including: Bono and The Edge Of U2, Bruce Springsteen, Neko Case, Sheryl Crow, Ron Sexsmith, Jesse Winchester, Nick Lowe, Richard Thompson, Allen Toussaint, Levon Helm, Mary-Louise Parker, John Prine, Lyle Lovett, and Ray Lamontagne.

Shot in 2009 at the storied Harlem's Apollo Theater and Toronto's Masonic Temple, Costello and his band The Imposters wow their audience with jam sessions in between Costello's colorful and creative discussions. The press has loved it.

Mr. Costello is thrilled by the caliber of musicians who come on his show. "Our guests have been faultlessly generous with their time, their reflections and their music," he says.

Bonus features include: the behind-the-scenes documentary Spectacle: Elvis Costello With...Inside Notes hosted by co-Executive Producer David Furnish and four bonus songs from Elvis & The Imposters and guests not seen in the original broadcast versions.



The response we've had to the show is so gratifying - not only from people who've seen it, but all the artists who've come on with Elvis have been thrilled to be a part of something that's genuinely - and passionately - about music," said co-Executive Producer and guest star Sir Elton John.

Conceived and developed by creator/Executive Producer Stephen Warden, SPECTACLE is co-produced by Toronto's Tri-Fi Productions Inc. (a partnership of SpyBox Media, Prospero Pictures and Reinvention Entertainment) and Sir Elton John and David Furnish's Rocket Pictures.

Spectacle: Elvis Costello With... contains behind-the-scenes stories and rare audio performances. It is like having your own video library of the history of cool music.

"Elvis Costello takes his performances and interviews a step further than most, capturing music history and memorable anecdotes from A-list music legends," said VSC President Jonathan Gross. "As a DVD boxed set, it works both as an emotionally involving television series and as a must-see episode in the history of popular music."

- "an engaging showcase for a curious mind" (No.1 pick) Time Magazine
- "the appeal has much to do with Mr. Costello's intergenerational coolness." The New York Times
- "we love the show!" Rolling Stone



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