

Spectacle 5 with Elvis Costello season 2

If you were a fan of the Elvis Costello Spectacle series or a new fan you may want to check out this DVD. The DVD is packed with musical performances and Elvis is a good host. His interviews are not the normal faire and that most likely comes from the fact that he is a performer, himself so he knows what questions to ask and how to push buttons.

Some of the performers on this set are Bono and the Edge, Sheryl Crown, Neko Case, Jesse Winchester, Allen Toussaint, Richard Thompson, Nick Lowe, Levon Helm, Lyle Lovett, John Prine, Ray LaMontagne , Bruce Springsteen and more. Especially noteworthy is the Richard Thompson section. That man is such an incredible guitarist it is worthwhile to buy the video just to stop motion his playing.

It is interesting to see the transformation of Elvis Costello over the years, from the angry punk rocker to the elder statesman of Rock and Roll. He fits the role well and seems to have not only mellowed but has aged magnificently like a fine wine.

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