

Music DVD Reviews

And Some CDs Too



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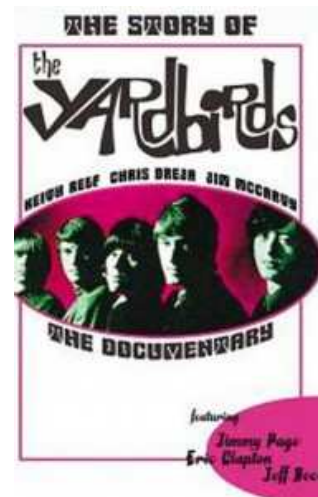
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The Story of the Yardbirds

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The Yardbirds were not just a hit machine of the '60s ("Shapes of Things," "For Your Love," "Heart Full of Soul") but truly secured a place in rock history for launching guitarists Eric Clapton, then Jeff Beck, and finally Jimmy Page. All three are interviewed here, often honest (Beck especially) about the good and the guffaws while with the band. The DVD is actually a reissue of a documentary dating back to 1992 and includes rare archival footage from the band's various TV appearances in Europe, the UK, and USA. A real treat are four performances from the German TV program *Beat Beat Beat* dating back to 1967, including a tear-it-up, seven-minute-plus take of Muddy Waters/Bo Diddley's "I'm A Man" that shows how frontman-harmonica player Keith Relf, who died in the '70s, was also an essential part of the Yardbirds equation.



The Original Soul Men: Sam and Dave

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Before The Blues Brothers co-opted the work of Sam and Dave and other soul artists as part tribute but also part novelty, Sam and Dave were *the* prominent Soul duo of the '60s. The wonderful footage here spans that time up to a 2007 solo performance by Sam Moore, but the core of the material comes from those appearances on US and European television, featuring true classics like, yes, "Soul Man," as well as "Sooth Me," "I Thank You," and the unstoppable "Hold On I'm Coming." The Blues Brothers do turn up here, but only as those who honor the legend that was Sam and Dave. For Soul/R&B fans, an essential piece of music history.

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Classic Albums: Rio

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