

CASH ON FILM

JOHNNY CASH: The Man. His World. His Music. Cherry Red Films. Distributed by MVD.

Even after his death, Johnny Cash's stature has not faded -- his myth firmly and undeniably in place, this unquenchable heartbeat of our American landscape. Today, fans remain hungry to know more about the famed *man in black* whose voice throbs and echoes across these train-tracks in the distance. In this new documentary from **Cherry Red Films**, long-time devotees will be rewarded with an assortment of new portraits of Cash spanning different tour-points dating back to the late 1960s. Rare clips of Cash sans his mask are interspersed throughout, and they provide a revealing picture of a man who was such a vital and enduring influence on so many songwriters and cultural icons that followed in his footsteps. Even though the core of this video is made of music (sterling renditions of classics like "Ring of Fire" and "Jackson" are flanked by unforgettable duets with old friends Bob Dylan and Carl Perkins), the real gold is found in the 'quiet' breaks in between performances - Cash depicted taking a long deep breath, gabbing with friends and family, musing on those lost moments where great artists find their only solace. This DVD is likely to appeal to both long-time fans and to those younger listeners curious to find out just how the original *Highwayman* came to demand legend status: More than a greatest hits collection, it provides a record of Cash at his most introspective -- a film record of one the great tongues of American song. *Running time: 90 minutes.*

~John Aiello

