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DVDs

Music to your eyes: The new rock DVDs

Essential Music Videos

Various Artists

Flashback / Warner

If iTunes can sell songs for a buck, why can't you do the same with videos? That seems to be the notion behind the *Essential Music Series*. Each of these dozen or so discs focuses on a specific genre or musical era — *Country Love*, *'80s Hard Rock*, *Pop Hits*, etc. — and includes six representative clips. For the most part, the emphasis is on coolness over commerciality — *'90s Indie Rock* offers Flaming Lips' *She Don't Use Jelly*, Spacehog's *In the Meantime*, Ween's *Freedom of '76* and Mudhoney's *Generation Spokesman*. Cheap at twice the price.

Series: ★★★

Supergrass

Supergrass is 10 Parlophone / EMI

The glammy Brit-rock power trio celebrate a milestone, but it's fan who get the presents: This two-disc set containing an extensive documentary, pretty much every video they've ever released — from two versions of *Caught by the Fuzz* to *Pumping on Your Stereo* — along with directors commentaries, full lyrics and a trio of unreleased rarities. Here's to another decade, lads.

★★★1/2

GG Allin & the Murder Junkies

Raw, Brutal, Rough & Bloody: Best of 1991 Live

MVD

If you never saw GG Allin live, consider yourself lucky — most shows saw a naked GG using the stage as a toilet, sticking the mic in places it wasn't meant to go and physically attacking his audience. Fans of the late, not-so-great rock 'n' roll animal may already have footage similar to this trio of 1991 shows. But they won't have the hilarious 15-minute bonus interview with GG's adorable mom, who reveals his birth name: Jesus Christ. That explains a few things.

★★★1/2

Nick Cave & Bad Seeds

The Videos

Mute / EMI

Stagger Lee, *Where the Wild Roses Grow*, *The Mercy Seat*, *Henry Lee*, *Red Right Hand*, *In the Ghetto*, *What a Wonderful World* and 13 more grand weepers and grim reapers

that take us on a journey downriver to murder balladeer Nick Cave's withered heart of darkness. Awesome — and the between-song interviews make it even more compelling.

★★★★

The Murder City Devils

Rock & Roll Won't Wait MVD

If you've heard of this short-lived gang of Seattle punk underdogs fronted by Spencer Moody, you'll appreciate this hour-long tour documentary full of live footage and interviews. If you haven't heard of them, well, maybe it's high time you did.

★★★1/2

Charles Bukowski

At Bellevue

Screen Edge / MVD

OK, so Charles Bukowski wasn't a musician. But there's no denying his booze-filled, blood-soaked poems are the literary equivalent of punk rock. And that makes this recently unearthed grainy video of the original barfly

reading at a Washington college in 1970 every bit as relevant, historic and just plain cool as an old Ramones bootleg.

★★★1/2

Beyonce

Live at Wembley

Columbia / Sony

Yes, she's bootylicious. And she puts on a high-powered show here. But that still doesn't excuse her for revamping an untouchable classic like *Fever*.

★★★

— Darryl Sterdan



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TOP 10 DVDs

- 1 The Girl Next Door (Version)
- 2 Ella Enchanted (Pan & Scan)
- 3 Mickey, Donald, Goofy: The Three Muskateers
- 4 Kill Bill Vo. 2
- 5 Laws of Attraction
- 6 Ella Enchanted (Widescreen)
- 7 Taking Lives (Widescreen Unrated)
- 8 Futurama Vol. 4
- 9 13 Going on 30 (Special Edition)
- 10 Godsend