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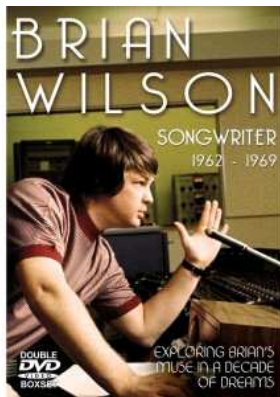
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RECOMMENDED NEW CDS, DVDS AND BOOKS

DVDs

"BRIAN WILSON: SONGWRITER 1962-1969"

This is a fascinating two-disc documentary about the incredibly inventive musical mind behind The Beach Boys. We get glimpses of Wilson's influences, from Dick Dale to Phil Spector to The Four Freshman. We hear how Wilson introduced jazz chords into rock 'n' roll and added lyrical content to the surf guitar craze. The songwriting blossomed into lavish production techniques, so Wilson could capture the fantastic pop mini-symphonies he heard in his head. As is said in the film, "the recording studio was his canvas." Drama unfolds in the handling of father Murray dragging Brian down creatively. There's ample observation of Wilson's long-lost masterpiece "Smile." Informative tidbits come from interviewees Bruce Johnston, David Marks, The Wrecking Crew's Hal Blaine and Carole Kaye, and many others who worked with Wilson. Attention is also paid to other artists who benefitted from Wilson's genius, including Jan & Dean and The Honeybees. Live and studio Beach Boys performances display Wilson's lasting magic. The release date is Nov. 23, but you can pre-order from Amazon.



"BILL HICKS: THE ESSENTIAL COLLECTION"

It's not always easy to look in the mirror. Maybe that's why Bill Hicks was more of a cult figure than a mainstream comedian. He made us stare at ourselves. And what we saw wasn't pretty. Hicks' wicked wit could wither an audience, as he stripped away society's cloak and revealed naked, unvarnished truths. But he wasn't just biting and outrageous. Hicks was hilarious. That's evident in this new Ryko package, consisting of two CDs and two DVDs. Fans will be thrilled to find that the material includes never-before-released performances culled from personal archives. Hicks died in 1994 of pancreatic cancer. He was just 32. But his comedic legacy lives on. His verbal jabs remain as vital and relevant as ever. His comedy was sometimes shocking. Always thought-provoking.

MICHAEL SCHENKER GROUP - "LIVE IN TOKYO"

This DVD was recorded in January, 2010 during the group's 30th Anniversary Japan tour. Schenker's scorching guitar work has made him a favorite with hard rock aficionados since the '70s. The disc includes dynamic performances of hits he recorded with UFO and The Scorpions, as well as MSG and solo work.

"AMERICA'S MUSIC LEGACY"

The '80s series is now available on DVD, thanks to Quantum Leap and MVD Visual. The first four individual editions cover gospel, country & western, rhythm & blues and rock 'n' roll. The uplifting gospel disc, hosted by Levar Burton, includes rousing performances by Mahalia Jackson, The Chambers Family, Mel Carter, Linda Hopkins and The Winans, among others. The country DVD takes us from traditional roots to more modern interpretations and features Jerry Lee Lewis, Ricky Skaggs, Patti Page and more. R&B fans will relish the songs rendered by such artists as Sam Moore, Brook Benton, Mary Wells and Scatman Crothers. Billy Eckstine is the suave host. The rock golden oldies include Bo Diddley, Chubby Checker, Little Anthony, The Coasters and host Fabian.

CDs

"RICK NELSON: LAST TIME AROUND"

Christmas came early for Rick Nelson fans. Bear Family has released the third in its lavish three-box view of the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer's career. This new 7-CD set covers the years 1970 to 1982. It begins with the two albums that signaled Nelson's full blossoming as a songwriter - "Rick



Adam Sandler
Al Franken
Al Kooper
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Albert Hammond
Alice Cooper
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