

DVD spotlight

Tim Buckley, "My Fleeting House" (MVD) ★★★½

Recent years have seen a ton of appreciation for the short-lived career of the late songwriter Jeff Buckley, yet not as much attention has been shone upon his father, the avant-garde songwriter Tim Buckley.

The elder Buckley died in 1975 from a heroin-related overdose at the tender age of 28. He was nine years into his recording career and left behind a fascinating if inconsistent body of work. This new DVD features an impressive array of extremely rare footage of Buckley's live performances.

Included are 11 full-length songs as well as appearances such as a 1969 guest slot on "The Steve Allen Show," and several other interview segments. It's not a straight documentary, because the DVD focuses much more on Buckley's music than his life, but fans will likely love moments such as his "Song to the Siren" from "The Monkees" TV show in 1967, his soulful cover of Fred Neil's "The Dolphins" from a 1974 British TV broadcast, and his electrified live take of "Sally Go Round the Roses" from 1973.

The DVD also features interviews with Buckley's frequent co-writer Larry Beckett, his guitarist Lee Underwood, and biographer David Browne.

Rating scale: ★ (poor) to ★★★★★ (a classic)



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