



I Want My DVD!

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This week's selections are a time capsule of must-have moments. Check out the "latest" from New York Dolls, Public Enemy, The Velvet Underground, and a thing called Graffiti Rock.

[Various Artists - Graffiti Rock and Other Hip Hop Delights](#) (2000)



Graffiti Rock and Other Hip Hop Delights

Four years before *Yo! MTV Raps* premiered, a young entrepreneur named Michael Holman dared to televise a strange new street culture named hip-hop. The show was called *Graffiti Rock*. It aired only once, and has since become the stuff of legends. I had seen snippets of the show on 12th-generation bootleg video cassettes, but never in its entirety. When the DVD arrived, I ripped open the package, tossed it in the player, and eagerly awaited the title credits. Once they did appear, oh man, I was in pure hip-hop heaven. There are no attitudes, no suckas playing the wall, no presidential Rolex watches or 52,000-karat diamond chains--just totally excited young kids breakin' and top rockin' to the freshest jams (a la *American Bandstand*). And as if spotting a young Prince Vince (Vincent Gallo) and Debbie Mazar in the audience were not exciting enough, we are treated to a baby-faced RUN-DMC performing "Sucka MCs." There is so much more, but I really do not want to ruin it...except to say that there is an extra of Doug E. Fresh that left me numb.



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