



**By Gregg Shapiro**

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**“The Hudson Brothers Razzle Dazzle Show: The Complete Series” (VSC)**—1970s-era Saturday morning TV show “The Hudson Brothers Razzle Dazzle Show,” starring brothers Mark, Bill and Brett, has now made it to DVD. The inspiration for numerous mid-1970s gay-boy crushes in their shag haircuts, tight pants (now we have a better idea why Goldie Hawn married brother Bill, father of Kate and Oliver) and platform shoes, the brothers sang and clowned their way through each episode. Slapstick shtick, corny jokes, cover and original tunes (including their modest hit “So You Are A Star”), terrible special effects and canned laughter made up a majority of the show. They stole from everyone, including the Three Stooges, Sonny & Cher and “Laugh-In,” but the laughs (even for younger viewers) are few and far between. Recurring characters, including juvenile delinquent Chucky Margolis (who had a still timely message about energy conservation) and regulars such as future Unknown Comic Murray Langston, beg the question, what kinds of drugs were these people on anyway? The DVD packaging includes footage from the more adult-oriented summer replacement primetime variety series “The Hudson Brothers Show,” as well as more of Chucky. Memo to the Jonas Brothers: This could be the way people remember you in 30 years. So watch your asses.