

Super Drumming Volume 3 - Pete York

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This June 10 double-DVD is the latest chapter in a program originally released by the German TV program "SWR." Titled "Volume 3," these two discs present the material from the TV series featuring Spencer Davis Group drummer Pete York and many outstanding drum/percussion guests including Louis Bellson, Bill Bruford, Cozy Powell, Ed Thigpen, Zak Starkey and others. To non-drummers, some stuff will seem esoteric; but most folks like to watch talented musicians playing.

Highlights include Bellson's signature number, "The Hawk Talks," plus two other numbers highlighted by his sterling brushes and Brian Auger's nifty keyboards. "Pots and Pans" is another fun number, featuring York playing kitchen implements while Powell leads the band through a metallic mash-up. I also enjoyed York and the band strolling through different genres, from ragtime to swing to bebop to rock.

There are too many highlights for my limited space. Get your copy locally, or at mvdvisual.com.

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