


QUIET RIOT

Music on DVD

Various Artists

Jettisoundz Promo Years
Underground
 ★★★½

I never heard of them either. But hey, better late than never: This 197-minute comp from pioneering British video label Jettisoundz unearths a treasure trove of rare clips from a list of overlooked '80s acts — Jazz Butcher, Toy Dolls, Alien Sex Fiend and Psychic TV among 'em — along with luminaries like Hawkwind, Exploited, Robyn Hitchcock and Jimmy Page. Treats for video geeks.

Quiet Riot

Live at the US Festival 1983
Classic Metal
 ★★★

Cum on feel the nostalgia! The US Festival series continues with a CD/DVD twofer of Quiet Riot's afternoon show at the 1983 event's Metal Day. At barely 40 minutes and devoid of extras, it's short on content — but thanks to the silly duds and cheeseball antics of screechmeister Kevin DuBrow and his glam-metal lunkheads, it's long on unintended laffs. Show us your boobs, granny.



Galactic
Carnivale Electricos
Funk
 ★★★★★

Why have one party when you can have two? These veteran New Orleans jammers' inviting 10th release crosses Mardi Gras and Brazil's Carnival by gene-splicing Crescent City's funky beats and basslines with South American percussion and melodies — and putting everyone from Mystikal to the Neville's on the long, bi-continental guest list. An irresistible playlist for your next bash.
Download: *Ha Di Ka; Magalehna*



Andre Williams
Hoods & Shades
Folk-Blues
 ★★★

Andre Williams has earned a little respect — and some relaxation. The gritty Detroit bluesman enjoys both on his zillionth album. Backed by a jam band that includes superstar producer Don Was, Funk Brothers guitar god Dennis Coffey and a handful of garage-rock veterans, the Black Godfather casually unspools tales of hard living and funky times in his deep dark tones. Dig it.
Download: *Dirt; Jaw Dropper*



School of Seven Bells
Ghostory
Dream-Pop
 ★★★½

School of Two Bells? Yes, this dreamy electro-pop trio has downsized to a male-female duo. But two heads are as good as three in this case. Their third album features all the shimmery keys, low-impact dance beats and dream-angel vocals of previous efforts — plus a loose narrative about “a young girl named Lafaye and the ghosts that surround her life.” Less is more. More or less.
Download: *Lafaye; Low Times*



Farrar, Johnson, Parker, Yames
New Multitudes
Folk-Rock
 ★★★★★

Step aside, Wilco and Bragg; there's another Guthrie tribute in town. On the eve of Woody's 100th birthday, Jay Farrar, Will Johnson, Anders Parker, and Yim Yames have penned more music for the folk icon's leftover lyrics. And given their more varied pedigrees, it's no surprise their creations come with plenty of crunch, noise and psychedelia. It's the darker side of *Mermaid Avenue*.
Download: *My Revolutionary Mind; VD City*

GARAGE BAND IDOL

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Endow
 Brampton, Ont.
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Punk's still not dead. Not in Brampton, anyway. These dudes are still manning the barricades with their authentic '80s-inspired hardcore — with all the mandatory double-time polka beats, buzzsaw power chords, mid-song breakdowns, gang vocals, boombox production and angry lyrics about smashing the state and doing it for yourself. Dig out your Minor Threat shirt, get a Mohawk and head to the pit. Don't forget to leave your sense of irony at the door.

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DARRYL'S VERDICT
 ★★
 “Kids these days.”

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Said the Whale

Little Mountain
Indie-Pop
 ★★★



Home is where the art is. Vancouver-centric indie-popsters Said the Whale — winners of last year's best new artist Juno — continue to sing the praises (and lament the problems) of their home with this third album. But they also take their show on the road, setting their cleverly crafted indie-pop and harmony-rich folk-rock narratives in Montana, Edmonton and Arkansas. Safe travels.
Download: *We are 1980; Loveless*

The Menzingers

On the Impossible Past
Punk
 ★★★★★



“I will f--- this up, I f---ing know it,” sing The Menzingers. Fat chance.

These Pennsylvania punks have it totally together on their stunning third album. Passionate, literate and mature, their gritty tales of nostalgia, disillusionment and regret are born of naked yearning, howled through ragged throats and underpinned by magnificent Clash-style anthems. Grownup punk for grownup punks.
Download: *Good Things; The Obituaries*

Big Wreck

Albatross
Can-Rock
 ★★★



Some guys will sell their souls for a second shot. Ian Thornley doesn't seem like one of them. The singer-guitarist's first Big Wreck album in a decade isn't some last-ditch grab for a brass ring. It's simply Thornley (and guitarist Brian Doherty) doing what BW does: Deliver darkly majestic blues-rock epics topped with serious guitar chops and Ian's tull-throated, raspy wail. Like it or not.
Download: *Head Together; All is Fair*

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 The Used

Sonik Kicks
 Paul Weller

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