



**Lamb of God** ★★★★★  
As the Palaces Burn

Powerful and heavy. And in ways that may surprise you. What begins as a standard fly-on-the-wall tour doc from Virginia metal journeymen Lamb of God suddenly takes a dramatic and surreal turn when frontman Randy Blythe is charged with manslaughter in Prague over the death of a stage-diving fan after a gig two years earlier. As the charismatic (and recently sober) singer fights for his freedom in court and braces for prison — while coping with his own grief and sympathy for the victim's family — what emerges is a compelling and inspiring portrait of a man who refuses to compromise his principles even at his own peril. If you only watch one music doc from this list, make it this one.



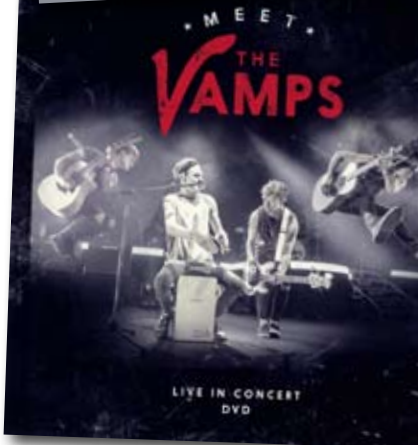
**Johnny Thunders** ★★★★★  
Looking for Johnny

As Johnny Thunders told us: You can't put your arms around a memory. But if you're a fan of the late glam-punk guitarist and junkie gypsy, you can and should get your hands on this decent 98-minute documentary, which traces his tumultuous and tragic trajectory from the notorious New York Dolls and drug-addled solo career to his untimely (and still-unsolved) death at age 38.



**James Brown** ★★★★★  
Live at Boston Garden April 5, 1968: Extended Edition

It was dubbed The Night James Brown Saved Boston. The day after Martin Luther King's assassination, the hardest-working man in show business went on with his Boston



# Sound Vision

Rewinding some of the biggest & best music DVDs of the past few months

**Eric Clapton** ★★★★★  
Planes, Trains & Eric

**One Direction** ★★★★★  
Where We Are: Live From San Siro Stadium

OMG!!!! Doesn't matter where you are or where you go. You can't escape the tween-girl screams generated by the dreamy boy band's recent 106-minute performance in an Italian soccer stadium. And while that reaction may be extreme, it isn't totally unwarranted — the lads put on a decently impressive show that balances massive spectacle with intimacy and crowd interaction.

**Eric Clapton** ★★★★★ 1/2  
Planes, Trains & Eric

No, it's not a musical version of Steve Martin and John Candy's holiday comedy. It's a



**Anthrax** ★★★★★ 1/2  
Chile on Hell

Get caught in another mosh as the veteran thrashmasters deliver their umpteenth live dose: A 110-minute South American arena show that includes plenty of classics along with highlights from their most recent album *Worship Songs* and a cover of AC/DC's *TNT*. Extras are nonexistent. But that's probably because the DVD is already so heavy it wouldn't be able to hold them.

**Depeche Mode** ★★★★★  
Live in Berlin

Just can't get enough live DM? Feed your need with the synth gods' fourth concert DVD in a dozen years. This Anton Corbijn-directed offering captures Dave Gahan, Martin Gore and co. on a stylishly stark stage in a German arena during their 2013 *Delta Machine Tour* — and comes in both a 130-minute version and a longer edition that includes interviews with the band and their fans.

**Motown 25** ★★★★★  
Various Artists

It was the other Moonwalk seen 'round the world. But the unforgettable debut of Michael Jackson's signature dance move is just one of many highlights from this 1983 TV-special celebrating the pioneering soul label's silver anniversary. This three-DVD set contains the original show — which also features everyone from Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Smokey Robinson and Diana Ross to Richard Pryor and, um, Adam Ant — along with some six hours of extras, including bonus performances, documentary features, roundtable reunions of the performers and production staff, and more than 20 minutes of Gaye rehearsing. For those with shorter attention spans, there's also a single-disc version. Either one should have you dancing in your chair if not the streets.

**Rolling Stones** ★★★★★ 1/2  
From the Vault: Hampton Coliseum (Live in 1981)

Let's Spend Another Night Together? Why not? If you've seen the Stones' 1981 concert film, you might be tempted to pass on this nearly identical pay-per-view gig from the same tour. Three reasons to reconsider: 1) The audio and video are vastly improved; 2) It has three songs not in the film; 3) Keith brains a stage-storming fan with his Tele during *Satisfaction* — then casually resumes playing!

**Coldplay** ★★★★★  
Ghost Stories Live 2014

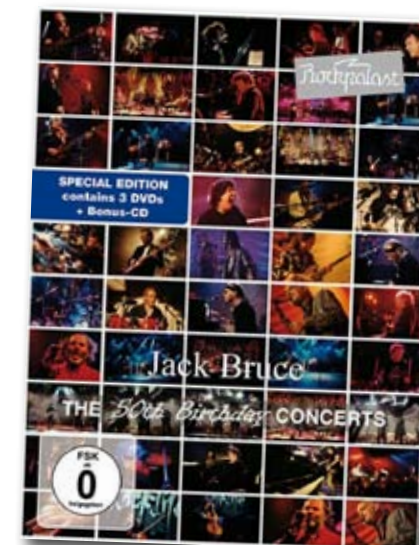
Full marks for style — with a penalty for technical execution. As usual, Chris Martin and his mates stage a superb-looking show here, creating a 40-minute video and audio song cycle that seamlessly segues from an intimate live show to prepared film footage. Pity the DVD picture quality isn't much better than an online stream. Hope the Blu-ray looks better.

**Genesis** ★★★★★ 1/2  
Three Sides Live

Want to turn it on again? Here's your chance. The 1982 live video from the Phil Collins-fronted Genesis — previously issued on VHS, Laserdisc and on DVD in the 2009 *Genesis Movie Box* — gets another upgrade in this standalone Blu-ray. Pity the 83-minute concert flick has no bonus fare aside from 45 minutes of already released audio. Must be some misunderstanding.

**Guns N' Roses** ★★★★★ 1/2  
Appetite for Democracy: 3D Live at the Hard Rock Casino Las Vegas

Welcome to the big room. With Axl firmly in his fat Elvis period and GN'R reduced to a self-tribute band, it seems inevitable that they would end up jukeboxing their hits — along with covers



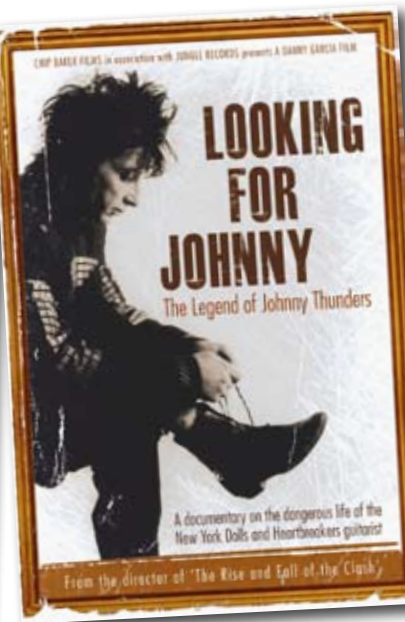
**Rush** ★★★★★  
R40

Less is more? Not for Rush. The Canadian power trio mark their 40th anniversary in a typically big way with this 10-DVD (or 6-DVD) box, which repackages their last five live concert films — 2013's *Clockwork Angels Tour*, *Time Machine 2011: Live in Cleveland*, 2008's *Snakes & Arrows Live*, 2005's *R30: 30th Anniversary Tour* and 2003's *Rush in Rio*. But the real draw is the two-hour bonus disc, which includes a 40-minute 1974 school show with original drummer John Rutsey, two other archival performances (one featuring 2112 in its entirety) and their 2013 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction, highlighted by guitarist Alex Lifeson's "blah-blah-blah" acceptance speech and a tribute by some Foo Fighters. What more could you need?

**REM** ★★★★★  
REMTV

If you want your REMTV, you'll get plenty — more than 14 hours, in fact — on this career-spanning retrospective. The six-disc set collects nearly two decades of appearances the now-defunct Georgia rockers made on MTV, VH1, Nickelodeon, Comedy Central and other Viacom networks. That includes everything from their 1991 and 2001 *Unplugged* performances (released on CD earlier last year) and their 1998 *Storytellers* set to their 2007 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction and a 2008 *Colbert Report* spot, along with nine partial or full concerts and various other performances and interviews dating back to 1983, plus a new 106-minute documentary of archival interview footage. Even better: Virtually all the live shows have been expanded with previously unseen outtakes, sometimes more than doubling their length. Book a day off, stock up on Orange Crush, settle into the couch and rewind their rich pageant.

of The Who, Floyd and more — for Sin City tourists. At least the 160-minute running time and 3D effects give you some bang for your buck. Tip your waitress and enjoy the buffet.



**DVD BOXSETS**



**Leonard Cohen** ★★★★★ 1/2  
Live in Dublin

Mr. Subtle does it again. But just a little differently. While Cohen's latest full-length concert video may seem like a Xerox of



his 2009 *Live in London* release — right down to the cover art and clothes — an assortment of small changes in the band lineup, the instrumentation and the three-hour set list will leave faithful fans assured that he's still their man.

**Whitney Houston** ★★★★★ 1/2  
Live: Her Greatest Performances

Greatest is a big word. But there's no denying this 100-minute compilation chronicles landmark moments of Houston's meteoric career — from early appearances on Griffin ("You won't forget that name," he correctly predicts) and Carson and her lung-busting *Star-Spangled Banner* to various award-and-talk-show appearances. A must for fans.

**The Vamps** ★★★★★  
Meet the Vamps: Live in Concert

How many times must we meet these guys? We've already got their album *Meet the Vamps*, the *Meet the Vamps: Deluxe Edition* and *Meet the Vamps: Christmas Edition*. Now here's this 76-minute live DVD of the lads capably and enthusiastically performing their bouncy pop-rock ditties for suitably screamy girls. We'll meet again when you think of a new title, kids.

**Jack Bruce** ★★★★★ 1/2  
The 50th Birthday Concerts

Gone but far from forgotten. Released shortly after his death in October, this collection is anchored by two freewheeling 1993 *Rockpalast* concerts from the bassist and an all-star band including guitarist Gary Moore and drummer Ginger Baker. So naturally you get Cream classics like *Sunshine of Your Love* and *White Room* — along with Bruce displaying his range with classical cello pieces, jazz jams and piano balladry. For even more, score the four-disc version, which ups the ante with a third DVD of interviews and documentary footage, plus a CD of rarities.

In the pipeline

Jan. 20

**Belle and Sebastian**  
Girls in Peacetime Want to Dance

**Tony Bennett & Lady Gaga**  
Cheek to Cheek Live!

**Ryan Bingham**  
Fear and Saturday Night

**The Decemberists**  
What a Terrible World, What a Beautiful World

**Enter Shikari**  
The Mindsweep



**Fall Out Boy**  
American Beauty / American Psycho

**Joey Bada\$\$**  
B4.DA.\$\$

**Lupe Fiasco**  
Tetsuo & Youth

**Marilyn Manson**  
The Pale Emperor

**Johnny Ramone**  
The Final Sessions

**Josh Ritter**  
Acoustic Live Vol. 1

**Sleater-Kinney**  
No Cities to Love

**Viet Cong**  
Viet Cong