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Under Review

"Under Review" is an ongoing series of documentary DVDs dedicated to mostly classic and underground rock artists.

As the title implies, the series eschews the standard concert film format or artist-approved white-washings. They feature in-depth critical analysis, obscure still photography, rare concert and studio footage and, in some cases, interviews with the usually camera-shy artists themselves.

Informative and deep without being dry or overreaching, the series is geared toward the "thinking person" entertainment junkie. If PBS had a rock music series, it would look just like this.

While most titles cover entire careers, some — like an upcoming Rolling Stones edition, out on Nov. 20 — concentrate only on the

group's peak creative period. The new Guns 'n' Roses title (out on Oct. 30) analyzes the band's two "Use Your Illusion" albums.

Other upcoming titles include: "Bruce Springsteen 1978-1982" and "Nick Drake" (both on Oct. 9), "Patti Smith" and "Neil Young 1976-2006" (both on Oct. 30) and "Queen: The Freddie Mercury Story" on Nov. 20.

"Under Review's" parent company — MVD Entertainment Group — also has a line of companion CDs that are just as interesting and eclectic as their DVD counterparts.

Priced between \$19.95 and \$24.95, all of the DVDs are "Region 0" formatted, meaning they can be viewed on any player the world over; not just in the U.S.

To view the company's entire catalog and purchase items directly, visit www.mvdb2b.com.

