

MVD Teams With Chuck D on DVD-Plus-CD

By JESSICA WOLF

Music Video Distributors (MVD) has teamed up with rap legend and Public Enemy frontman Chuck D to bring a line of DVD-plus-CD sets to the avid hip-hop consumer.

The titles come from Chuck D's label SLAMjamz and will include a music-related DVD feature program, live concert footage, interviews with artists and an audio CD, available in an Amaray or CD jewel case.

The SLAMjamz series launches Oct. 5 with three titles — *Imposebills: Slave Education*,

the story of the world's first virtual rap group; *7th Octave: The Seventh Degree*, the vehicle for the music concept "Ghetto Metal" from Professor Griff of Public Enemy; and *No Boundaries: A SLAMjamz Compilation*, a joint venture between SLAMjamz and NAP Records that reaches into different styles and songs from varied artists. All three DVD/CD sets are priced at \$16.95 each.

"SLAMjamz Records are designed simply to serve the uncompromising expression of hip-hop-based music in general," Chuck D said of the label's mission. "Any particular style of play-

ing and vocalization that represents an authentic way of musical feeling is genuine expression. By virtue of its significance in place, time and circumstance, it possesses its own tradition, artistic standards and audience that will keep it alive.

"Hip-hop, therefore, is expression and communication, a musical and worldwide social manifestation, and SLAMjamz Records is concerned with identifying its impulse, with the option of varied sonic formats, not sensational and commercial adornments. MVD allows SLAMjamz to present this to the world," he said.

(\$14.98).

Nat King Cole (\$19.98).

Red Distribution Oct. 19 releases *Willie Nelson and Friends: Outlaws and Angels* (\$19.98), featuring

From Surfdog Records Nov. 9 comes *The Stray Cats: Rumble in Brixton* in a live CD/DVD set (\$19.98). The DVD includes



of feature, a photo gallery and an interactive game on the other. *Streeting Nov. 2 George Harrison Dark Horse Year 1976-1992* (\$24.98) special edition multi-disc set focusing on the late Be-

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By HOLLY J. WAGNER

Online DVD rentaler Netflix will drop its three-out subscription price to \$19 a month and pull out of plans to expand in the United Kingdom and Canada for at least a year as it prepares for an anticipated cut-throat battle with Amazon.

Netflix executives expect the Internet behemoth to get into online DVD rentals late this year or early next year.

"The rumors of Amazon started about two weeks ago, and over the past two weeks we have been confirming them," CEO Reed Hastings told analysts. "If we had known in '03 that Amazon was planning to enter this market, we would not have raised our prices."

—*David Hastings, Netflix CEO*

for those of you who are long on our stock."

"One of the reasons we thought they were not going to get in this space is that they hadn't, and they were not prepared to leverage their infrastructure," Hastings said. "We just thought that if they were serious

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By ANGELIQUE FLORES

Carl Reiner, a regular on such pioneering TV shows as *'Your Show of Shows'*

DVD Brings Back The Golden Age of Television

By THOMAS A. ARNOLD

Target Nick at Nite or TV Land? The real rebirth of the golden age of television is taking place on DVD.

Over the past year, hundreds of classic TV shows, from Sid Caesar's *'Your Show of Shows'* and *'The Honeymooners'* to *'Star Trek'* have been arriving on DVD, often in elaborate "complete season" packages packed with bonus features.

"It's great to watch TV with no commercials, particularly since on TV a half-hour classic sitcom is



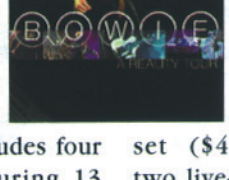
live concert footage, an audio track of the group's first new studio track in 12 years and a 20-minute peek

at frontman Brian Setzer teaching original bandmates Lee Rocker and Slim Jim Phantom the new song.



From Sony Music Oct. 19 comes *David Bowie: A Reality Tour* (\$14.98), featuring footage of the ubiquitous rocker from tv concerts this year in Dublin, Ireland.

Epic Records Nov. 16 will release *The Ultimate Collection* (\$59.98) from Michael Jackson. The deluxe boxed set includes four



Rhino Records Oct. releases *Crosby Stills Nash: The DVDs*, a collector's edition box set (\$44.99) that includes two live-performance DVDs

included performances from Clapton, Jeff Beck, Santana, James Taylor, Joe Walsh and many others. Extras include behind-the-scenes footage, extended inter-

audio CDs featuring 13 previously unissued recordings and a concert DVD from a 1992 Jackson performance in



Acoustic and *Daylight Again* along with the never-before-released documentary *Long Time Comin'*. Also streeting Oct. 26 is