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# THERAPY SESSION

NF offers an ultimately solid rap of intellect and rhyme carefully revealed in a free form style of heartaches and life's reality. The poetry of his emotions is combined with a thoughtful cove of subtle, musical arrangements of piano, guitar and chorus. Two tracks titled "Real" and "Statement" spark like lightning and remind one of the finest qualities of Eminem. NF truly presents a spitfire of conviction with a delivery as fast as a hummingbird in flight that is beautifully brilliant to hear. **Available now** 

#### HOPELESSNESS Anohni

The lead singer of Antony and the Johnsons transforms into a breathtaking solo artist known as Anohni. *Hopelessness*, though wrapped in an electronic dance haze of beats is a serious and thought-provoking lyrical study. Her words bite and showcase a dark and analytical view of men, power and war. Anohni's distinctive and rich voice rings a bell of consciousness that brings provocation and regret. And what a voice... with a quality of tone and heartache which harken back to Sarah Vaughan. **Available May 6** 

#### DANGEROUS WOMAN Ariana Grande

With an amazing range of vocal beauty matched with a modern and up-to-date rhythm of the day in musical beats, Ariana Grande truly is a *Dangerous Woman*. Her third CD expands on these facts and showcases a voice of Mariah Carey vibrancy with a few talented assists from Macy Gray, Nicki Minaj, Lil Wayne and Future. What's not to love? Rabbit ears are perked to high alert for discovering the latest creations of sounds and stylings from this vivacious popstar. **Available May 20** 

DANGEROUS WOMAN

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### **HENRY GAMBLE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY**

The conflicting emotions of Christian beliefs and burgeoning homosexuality for a 17-year-old teenager create psychological drama during his 17th birthday pool party. There is an underlying tension from Henry's mother which comes into play while Henry has to navigate the waters (so to speak) between sexual and accepted attraction from the opposite sex, as well. It's of note, there is as much intrigue and repressed sexuality happening between the adults as the teenagers. Quite a thought provoking and well-made film. **Available May 3** 

ROUTE

### JANIS: LITTLE GIRL BLUE

There's an old adage; if you remember the late 1960s, you weren't there. In the brilliantly fleshed-out documentary called *Janis: Little Girl Blue*, filmmaker and director Amy Berg does a magnificent job of bringing Janis Joplin's life to the screen and creates a portrait to always remember. The attention to detail, from her personal letters to current interviews with former bandmates, lovers and siblings is captivating to witness. A truly touching presentation of a "piece of her heart" and art.

Available May 6

## **BEAUTIFUL SOMETHING**

The complications of lust, sexuality and self-esteem are presented through the eyes of four gay men. In the vignettes, which are highly sexually charged... the emotions are raw and the expression of sex is realized where each man can be seen as being used or being the user for sexual gratification where love is always difficult to navigate. It's director Joseph Graham's use of heat, friction, identity and disconnect plus uncertainty over the course of one night that is magnetically charged.

VOD available May 17



#### MOON ROUTE 66 ROAD TRIP (MOON HANDBOOKS) Candacy Taylor

If the travel bug has bitten and you want to take a trip, pack your kit and hit Route 66. Let noted travel and culture author Candacy Taylor be your guide. With her sharp eye and her knowledge for the scenic spots to stop at along the way; she also offers a solid history lesson on the people who traveled this way in the past. Taylor even gives turn-by-turn directions for important stops along the way. Get your cash and gas... and go. **Available May 4** 

#### **BEACHES** Gray Malin

There is such a sense of whimsy, color and a whole lot of sand and sunshine to be found in the stunning photography from Gray Malin. If all it takes is a visual escape or you want to pick a beach to park your umbrella, there is no better way to start than with the colorful imagery found within the pages of *Beaches*. His book showcases more than 20 cities spread over six continents. Malin has a brilliant eye for beauty and the beach. **Available May 10** 

## VINTAGE CAMPER TRAILERS Paul Lacitinola

Is a Midas motor home from 1976 considered worthy of being "vintage?" Probably not. However, if you love the essence of mid-century Americana on wheels and admire the sense and the feel of having a home on the road; open up Vintage Camper Trailers. Come inside and sit a spell with the people and their trailers which they have restored or maintained. No trailer trash to be found within, just a deep love and appreciation of the cozy and at times, refined "glamping" life. Available May 17