

Bobby Rush "Live at Ground Zero Blues Club" DVD (MVD)
With the passing of Johnny Taylor and Tyrone Davis Rush is the last of the giants of the grown-and-sexy juke joint masters (my apologies to Latimore, you are just shy of being of giant), and this raunchy performance video re-establishes exactly why that is so. No hip hop video director ever showcased booty dancers with this much joy, no late night Malaco compilation TV commercial ever captured the soul of the 21st century chitlin' circuit the way this well-shot video does, and even from the front row you would never appreciate Bobby's leer (not to mention his hair) as much as you will on this disc.

Solomon Burke "The King Live At Avo Session Basel" (MVD) Drawing from classic material and his recent hipster-crossover albums, the Behemoth of Soul demonstrates a magical voice that could charm, chill, or cold clock anyone with even half a functioning earhole. Note that this DVD features an entire concert, meaning the 12-minute instrumental vamp before he shuffles throneward, musical numbers from two of his 1,263 children, and an extended sing-along by the audience after he lumbers off. But excise those 25 minutes and you have nearly an hour of pure soul genius.