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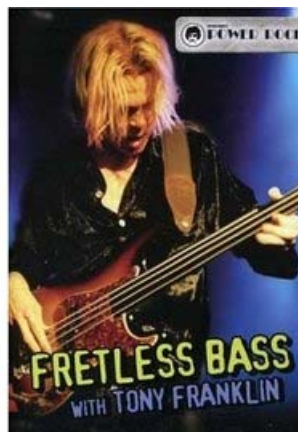
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Carmine Appice's Power Rock DVD Series: Drum Wars: The Ultimate Battle: Carmine & Vinny Appice/Fretless Bass with Tony Franklin/Latin Rock For Gringos with Tris



Imboden/Rockabilly Rocking Swing with Slim Jim Phantom (MVD Visual)

Picture: C Sound: C+ Extras: D Main Programs: B-

With all the interest in the hit videogame **Guitar Hero**, MVD Visual could not have picked a better time to be able to reissue the **Carmine Appice's Power Rock** special interest musician series that helps you learn how to be a musician in all kinds of ways. We received four volumes and were surprised how well they held up for their age and the good humor they involved.

Self-explanatory in their titling, **Drum Wars: The Ultimate Battle: Carmine & Vinny Appice, Fretless Bass with Tony Franklin, Latin Rock For Gringos with Tris Imboden** and **Rockabilly Rocking Swing with Slim Jim Phantom** (before The Stray Cats broke up?) are all over 50 minutes, with Franklin's running the longest at 73. Guess Bass is hardest to learn and that may be why those are among the rarest musicians to find.

For non-musicians, these are curios that can deliver some interesting moments, but if you like music and want to play, they have a new value in an environment of sampling, recycling, pop tarts and bad music contests. We do not know if this is the whole series, but four are better than none and any of them are worth a look.

The 1.33 X 1 image is older from analog NTSC video originally intended for VHS, but with that in mind, looks better than a VHS or Beta would look and music fans will be happy with that. The original simple stereo has been

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spread out to Dolby Digital 5.1 with mixed results. The combination is archival and there is still plenty to learn from these programs.

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