

MCN Columnists

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"Composing Outside the Beatles: Lennon & McCartney 1973-1980," represents MVD's latest examination of Boomer-era rock 'n' roll follows John Lennon and Paul McCartney as they ventured forth from the security of the Beatles and blazed career paths of their own. Neither was terribly successful at the start of their separate endeavors. Beatles fans reacted negatively to the post-breakup squabbling and hesitated before embracing the new sounds. Competition for radio airplay was fierce and Lennon's political activism was deemed too provocative for AM programmers. This DVD approaches the material both historically and critically. – *Gary Dretzka*