

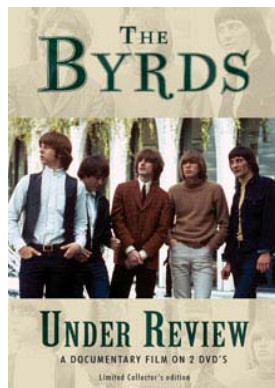
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The Byrds characteristic sound of three part harmony and 12-string guitar is thoroughly analyzed in the new DVD The Byrds -Under Review, set to be released date October 7.

Such notables as Byrds bassist John York, Gene Parsons, Van Dyke Parks, and ex-Rolling Stone editor Anthony DeCurtis, give a lively commentary on this highly influential band.

Easily the most eclectic band of its time, The Byrds were always moving ahead while at the same time keeping a furtive eye on the past. The band grew in 1965 from a folk music tradition: quickly embracing and becoming involved in the exploding LA rock scene; influencing Bob Dylan; and inventing folk rock , psychedelic rock, and country rock with its versions of Mr Tambourine Man ,Eight Miles High, and Sweetheart of the Rodeo.

The group was a factious unit as during its history it consisted of Jim later Roger McGuinn- David Crosby, Chris Hillman, Gram Parsons, and guitar player extraordinaire Clarence White as well as other notables. So indirectly, Crosby , Stills , and Nash; The International Submarine Band ; The Flying Burrito Brothers; and the Eagles evolved from and were influenced by the Byrds.

The DVD has archival footage of the band as well as great stories about the group

Byrd bassist John York's commentary is central to the DVD. York comes across as very knowledgeable and is not afraid to discuss the negative decisions that were made because of infighting within the band. His comments concerning future cosmic cowboy Gram Parsons are very insightful. York comes across as a very likeable person who is very believable on camera. One of my favorites, Van Dyke Parks, is also heavily featured in the DVD. Parks is a veritable encyclopedia of Americana ,as well as a great musician and songwriter , having written music with the Byrds , as well as having co –written Smiley Smile with then Beach Boy Brian Wilson and Smile with ex Beach Boy Brian Wilson

This DVD is very well, produced and is a must have for any music fan.

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