

Music DVDs for the Holidays

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Two excellent documentary films are available from Chrome Dreams. The first is Amy Winehouse: The Girl Done Good-A Documentary Review, which combines performances, interviews and an analysis of the troubled, yet gifted singer. The other is The Smiths: The Queen is Dead, part of the Classic Album Under Review series. Smiths fans will delight in the rare footage included here, as well as the interviews with members of the band, producer Stephen Street, the late legendary head of Factory Records Tony Wilson and the band's irrepressible former manager and living legend Grant Showbiz. From Wienerworld is A Classic Concert-Cat Stevens Tea For The Tillerman Live, which features eight live performances filmed at KCET in Los Angeles in 1971, along with the rare animated film Teaser And The Firecat. Two live concert DVDs not to miss are Yes: The New Director's Cut (Classic Studio T), a two-DVD set recorded in Birmingham and Glastonbury in 2003 on the group's 35th anniversary tour, and Long John Baldry, It Ain't Easy (Quantum Leap), recorded live at Iowa State University in 1987, from the late British blues icon. And finally don't miss The Story of the Yardbirds, with interviews with the members of the band, live performances and rare German concert footage featuring Jimmy Page.