
This week's DVD reviews include a documentary on The Who's Quadrophenia and the Mods

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Quadrophenia just may be my favorite album of all-time. Created by Pete Townsend and released by The Who in 1973, it was conceived by Townsend as a complex rock opera that focused on the personalities of the band's original band members (Townsend, Roger Daltrey, John Entwistle and Keith Moon. But a new DVD (release date Nov. 17 from MVD Entertainment Group) explains it all so much better.

The documentary The Who, The Mods and The Quadrophenia Connection is a must have for anyone who loves The Who and the album/film/film soundtrack Quadrophenia.

The documentary explains the origins of the album and its links with a movement/phenomena that was big in the United Kingdom, but not here, The Mods.

The Mod movement, a trend/rebellion and the early days of The Who, were very much intertwined with The Who of the 1960s. If you were a Mod, a scooter-riding, counter-culture kind of guy, you were a Who fan.

The documentary lays it all out for you with interviews and rare footage, but much more importantly, it includes much of the original Who soundtrack in clips from the film, Quadrophenia, as well as the band in concert in those early days. There are also cuts from other Mod bands such as The Jam, Georgie Fame, Booker T. and the MGs and more.

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Remember the King Family?

If you were watching TV in the 1960s and early 1970s, it was hard to avoid this over-sized singing group who actually needed a 50-inch TV screen to get all the aunts, uncles and cousins in the frame.

The whole King family is back, on DVD at least, in Christmas with the King Family (Infinity Entertainment Group).

Looking back, it is kind of easy to categorize the Kings with Lawrence Welk, but this DVD is a nostalgic look back, and the numerous holiday songs included, make it a nice choice to have playing on the TV while you are wrapping presents or trimming the tree.

The DVD debut also marks the 45th anniversary of the family on ABC TV.

If you are a Big Band Era fan, The King Sisters were one of the more popular vocal groups of their time. On TV, the sisters, husbands and kids and the rest of the clan made such an impact, they got their own series. They also did a number of holiday specials and this disc includes the 1967 telecast in its entirety as well as the main event — a newly-remastered show featuring a “best of” three Christmas specials, as well as interviews with King family members including surviving King sister Yvonne, who is now 90.

You may also recognize “King cousin” Tina Cole, who also spent several years on My Three Sons as the wife of son Robbie (Don Grady).

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