



***Dawn of the Dead: The Grateful Dead & The Rise of The San Francisco Underground* DVD (MVD)**

Dawn of the Dead celebrates, as its title states, The Grateful Dead and the development of what's been known as the San

Francisco scene. The nearly two-and-a-half-hour documentary features interviews with scholars, musicians, and others involved, and is a comprehensive exploration. Placing the rise of the 1960s San Francisco scene in a cultural and political context while using the music as a joining factor, *Dawn of the Dead* is essential. Erudite commentary from people such as former Dead publicist and official Dead biographer Dennis McNally, rock journalist Richie Unterberger, and the esteemed Robert Christgau illuminates events from the rise of The Grateful Dead and the Monterey Pop Festival to Woodstock and the marker for the end of the era, Altamont. The subject matter may be psychedelic, but *Dawn of the Dead* is ultimately a supremely intellectual pursuit, and an interesting one at that. (www.mvdb2b.com)

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