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Of special note for the music lovers is "All You Need Is Love" (MVD Visual, 17 episodes, five discs, \$99.95), an epic documentary history of popular music that first aired on TV in 1976 and has not been seen since 1981; this is its first release on video.

From filmmaker Tony Palmer, the program covers jazz, country, swing, Broadway musicals and vaudeville. Aside from the first episode, an introduction to the series, rock 'n' roll doesn't take center stage until the 13th episode.

The show pops with original and archival interviews - from Eubie Blake to Mick Jagger and beyond - and discussions of music, race and gender, interspersed with great performance clips and anecdotal gems.

I can easily see why it's taken some time to get this to DVD; the music rights must have been a bear and the DVD booklet notes "every effort has been made to trace the numerous copyright holders and we apologize in advance for any unintentional failure on our part." While sampling the show, I thought I caught one music substitution, but Palmer said through a publicist that this is the show as it originally aired.