

Putting on Your DVDs

Music from A to Z

1970s pioneer music effort is now a five-disc DVD set.

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Long before Ken Burns put together his acclaimed Civil War documentary, Tony Palmer did the same thing for popular music.

At the suggestion of John Lennon, the British producer undertook the monumental task of interviewing, editing and assembling tape, spanning some '75 years. The final product was **All You Need is Love**, a homage to everything that is popular music.

Originally shown in episode form, (there are 17 in all) the show was syndicated around the world in the mid-1970s, and now for the first time is available in DVD format, **Tony Palmer's All You Need is Love** (MVD Visual).

This five-disc set contains almost 15 hours of music, interviews and historical clips of everyone from Al Jolson to Frank Zappa. Barely a stone is left unturned and that includes those of the Mick Jagger variety to Bob Dylan's Everybody Must Get Stoned.

Beginning with an introduction (disc 1), **All You Need is Love** moves to the beginnings

TONY PALMER'S CLASSIC SERIES THE STORY OF POPULAR MUSIC

John Lennon

'A monumental achievement. Thank you.'

Bing Crosby

'Magnificent...the editing is truly outstanding. A priceless archive.'

Pete Seeger

'Its colossal emotional, intellectual and historical range is breathtaking'



MVD VISUAL

of popular music, tracing its roots back to Africa and moving onto ragtime, jazz and the blues. The early discs include rare recordings and tape of Scott Joplin, Dizzy Gillespie and Charlie Parker, along with Bessie Smith, Muddy Waters and Billie Holiday.

Disc 3 moves to vaudeville and the British variety called

music hall to Tin Pan Alley and Irving Berlin, George Gershwin and Bing Crosby.

There also are episodes devoted to swing and the Big Band era, including Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman and Harry James.

Other episodes feature the early days of country music (Minnie Pearl, Ernest Tubb, Bill

Monroe and Roy Rogers), and, of course, lots of rock and roll, with episodes on The Beatles, Elvis and a whole lot more.

There are some omissions, such as Glenn Miller in the swing episode and Hank Williams in country, but that probably had more to do with securing music rights than sleighting a few of the music greats.

Because the DVD set ends in the 1970s, the final disc features an episode titled New Directions, featuring the likes of Black Oak Arkansas, Electric Light Orchestra and Mike Oldfield.

It's a bit of a letdown I suppose, but back in 1975, who could have anticipated disco, new wave, punk, grunge, rap and hip hop.

All You Need is Love comes out Tuesday.

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Newly announced DVD titles include **Insanitarium**, a thriller with Jesse Metcalfe, who cons his way into a mental hospital to help his sister, only to find the resident doctor (Peter Stormare) is one evil scientist.

The DVD has a July 15 release.

Out on DVD June 10 is **Out of the Blue**, a drama, based on the true story of a massacre in a peaceful New Zealand town. Matthew Sutherland stars as an unemployed, mentally ill, gun-collecting recluse who suddenly snaps. Special features include feature commentary by director Robert Sarkies.

Juried art show winners are announced

The Osceola Center for the Arts celebrated the 2008 Annual Juried Art show on Tuesday with an estimated 200 patrons and artists in attendance. This year's exhibition showcased 64 artists with 110 pieces of artwork from



element, which is normally watercolor, in order to pursue a vision of sharing participation in the visual arts with our community," Davidson said.

And the winners are:

Painting: Eliza Pineau, first place; Rocío Lainez-Aguilar,

Photography: Frank Juge first place; Paul Owens, second place; Etta Jean Juge, third place; Gary Anderson, honorable mention.