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I'm always game when someone shakes up the chat show format with a unique take - made all the better when it's hosted by someone that you actually want to spend time with. Such is the case with Elvis Costello's [\*\*Spectacle\*\*](#) (MVD, Not Rated, DVD-\$49.95 SRP), which combines live music performances by his guests with candid conversation that doesn't come from heavily pre-planned, all-too-brief talk show appearances. The 5-disc first season set features the likes of Elton John, Lou Reed, Smokey Robinson, James Taylor, Rufus Wainwright, Roseanne Cash, and more. Bonus materials include bonus songs and backstage interviews. A [\*\*Blu-Ray edition\*\*](#) (\$69.95 SRP) is available, with identical bonus materials.

- Ken Plume