

Vintage Marvin Gaye Performances Released on DVD

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Issued with the full cooperation of the Marvin Gaye estate, this is the first official DVD anthology of classic archival television performances by a Motown artist.

Reelin" In The Years Productions and Hip-O Records are proud to announce the April 4, 2006 release of "Marvin Gaye - The Real Thing In Performance 1964 - 1981" on DVD. Featured for the first time on DVD are 16 classic full-length performances from American and European television appearances, spanning three decades. The DVD includes more than 70 minutes of performances by Marvin Gaye, one of Motown's greatest stars. The DVD includes a wealth of classic performances with re-mastered sound and video plus a host of bonus features.

"Marvin Gaye - The Real Thing In Performance 1964 - 1981" begins with Gaye singing one of his earliest hits, "Hitch Hike" on "American Bandstand" in 1964; the DVD progresses through the artist's entire Motown career including vintage performances of "Pride And Joy," "Ain't That Peculiar," "Can I Get A Witness," "Let's Get It On" and a host of others. Further treasures include a beautiful 1967 duet performance of "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" with Tammi Terrell; a staggering live concert performance of "What's Going On" and "What's Happening Brother" from 1972, from the long-lost documentary film "Save The Children;" and an amazing live 1969 performance of "I Heard It Through The Grapevine" from "Hollywood Palace" recorded while the song was still number one on the charts. Interspersed between the songs, Gaye talks about his life and music in interview segments from various TV shows throughout his career.

For "Marvin Gaye - The Real Thing In Performance 1964 - 1981" every effort has been made to locate the best possible sound and video; each of the performances, has been re-transferred and re-mastered from the best-quality, original masters (some resting in the television vaults for over 40 years). In the case of lip-sync performances, the original Motown stereo master recordings have been used, replacing the original mono broadcast sound and making for a much more enjoyable viewing and listening experience.

"Marvin Gaye - The Real Thing In Performance 1964 - 1981" also includes unique bonus content. For the first time anywhere, an audio only feature of six original a cappella (vocal only) performances of Gaye's classic hits discovered in the Motown vaults. In addition, viewers have the option to watch these performances while listening to only Marvin Gaye's original studio vocal master track. Fans will feel as if they're in the original Motown recording booth with Gaye. The DVD further includes a 24-page booklet with an extensive essay by Grammy Award®-winning writer, Rob Bowman, including rare photographs and memorabilia.

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MARVIN GAYE - THE REAL THING IN PERFORMANCE 1964 - 1981 DVD (Track List)

1. Hitch Hike (Filmed in 1964)
2. Pride And Joy (Filmed in 1965)
3. Can I Get A Witness (Filmed in 1965)
4. Pretty Little Baby (Filmed in 1965)
5. Ain"t That Peculiar (Filmed in 1965)
6. You"re A Wonderful One (Filmed in 1965)
7. Ain"t No Mountain High Enough (with Tammi Terrell) (Filmed in 1967)
8. I Heard It Through The Grapevine (1969) (Filmed in 1969)
9. What's Going On (Filmed in 1972)
10. What's Happening Brother (Filmed in 1972)

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11. Come Get To This (Filmed in 1981)

12. Let's Get It On (Filmed in 1981)

13. Distant Lover (Filmed in 1979)

14. A Funky Space Reincarnation (Filmed in 1979)

15. Ego Tripping Out (Filmed in 1979)

16. Heavy Love Affair (Filmed in 1981)

Reelin" In The Years Productions LLC is the largest music footage library in the world, housing over 10,000 hours of performances from all genres of music covering the last 50 years. Most of the footage in their library has never been seen or heard by the world at large. Reelin" In The Years Productions "The American Folk Blues Festival 1962-1969" three volume DVD series has received critical acclaim, commercial success and numerous industry awards. "Volume One" was nominated for a GRAMMY award in the category of "Best Long Form Music Video." Other DVD releases include, the legendary concert film "Soul To Soul and Muddy Waters Classic Concerts" (to be released on Hip-O Records in May 2006). For further information please visit <http://www.reelintheyears.com>