



THE GREATEST GUITAR DVDs EVER!

Music DVDs are more popular than ever: a new rockumentary is every day, guitarist biopics are winning Oscars, and the format has an amazing scope for learning. Here's Guitarist's guide to the great the hilarious and the shocking, and the just plain useful.

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DVDS – you've gotta love 'em. No really, you do – music DVDs now officially generate more revenue than singles, and companies are falling over themselves to bombard us with irresistible DVD boxed sets, crammed with extras. And with the resurgence of interest in live guitar music, concert DVDs are everywhere; then of course, there's endless classic archive footage, just begging to be restored and remastered in glorious 5.1 Surround Sound...

And tuition DVD producers are in on the act that the DVD format has to offer (extras, camera angles, slow-motion, visual chord dictionaries), consigning the nightmare 'stop-rewind-play' days of the VCR to the dark and distant past.

What does this mean for guitarists? Well, basically, that there's now even more desirable stuff out there for you to blow your hard-earned cash on! So we've compiled this guide in the hope that, should you decide to invest in any of the DVDs featured here, they might just inspire you to pick up (or even destroy) your guitar, and to learn something new either about the instrument, or the stars who put it through its paces. So are

**SOUND TECHNIQUES GUITAR MAESTROS:
MARTIN SIMPSON**

This brand-new series of instructional DVDs presents a series of conversations interspersed with performances with great players. Featured in the first series are artists such as Michael Messer, Big Jim Sullivan, Clive Carroll, and the excellent Martin Simpson.