

tight Connection

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ALTERNATIVES TO COLLEGE



The Bob Dylan Society

Across the Swamp of Time

The story goes that a sizeable number of Dylan fans were gathered together at a Birthday Convention in New York last May when a T.V. crew turned up to report the happening for a local news item. So impressed were the journalists by the collection of 'amateur' film on Dylan being shown at the Convention that they returned to their T.V. station to search for something 'official' to assist the event. Lo and behold the search revealed a rare and almost forgotten item, i.e. Dylan's appearance in the American T.V. programme The Steve Allen Show on the 25th February 1964.

So, almost 28 years after the original event, and through the marvels of the world-wide Dylan communication network, we are able to show this rare item at The Portland Arms in Cambridge next month. There will also be some other rare and previously unseen footage and one item in particular will, I am sure, stun our M.C. into sober silence! All this sandwiched between twin showings of the 'Series of Dreams' video must be a solid fixture for your diaries.

Look forward to seeing all our 'regulars' and hopefully the return of some new members (hello to Derek Davies, Darren Walden, Mark Carter, Martin Stein and Kins Leonard) at the next Dylan event: Friday 29th November. 8 p.m. sharp. You know where.

John Stokes
31st October 1991

Rumours and Assorted Facts

(50) Back on the Road!!

So much for the eight month break!! (see 44). By the time you read this a 21 date tour of America will be half over. Commencing on October 24th in Corpus Christi and finishing, at the moment on November 19th in Poughkeepsie, NY. Yes it's the same band.....

(51) Dylan and the Band Return

Japan and Australia now look set to be treated to Dylan with the band (well, Danko, Helm and Hudson anyway) in January and February. No dates yet but contracts are reportedly "well advanced".

(52) In Seville

It appears that Dylan took part in a 5 day event in Seville, Spain, entitled 'Guitar Legends'. (Why??) Dylan appeared on the 17th October. He played 'All Along The Watchtower' with the Jack Bruce band, including Richard Thompson. He and Richard went on to play a good 'Boots of Spanish Leather' and a very emotionally charged 'Borderline' and 'Answer me'. He dropped his credibility a little by doing 'Shake Rattle and Roll' with the Keith Richard band, and joined in (?) for the all star finale of 'I Can't Turn You Loose'. The whole event was apparently screened on Spanish T.V. We'll keep you posted.

(53) Peter Paul and Mary??

A new studio tape may surface soon of Dylan with his old buddies Peter, Paul and Mary. Reportedly recording during the Martin Luther King celebrations. It includes a version of 'When The Ship Comes In'.

(54) Series of Videos

It appears that a different video of Series of Dreams exists. This film is minus the computer enhanced back grounds and has no recent clips of Dylan in it. Hopefully we'll all get to see it soon.

(55) Basements Again

The current buzz is that the 'new' basement tape reported previously (45) will circulate soon. Said to be on a C90 and C60, the C60 will be all new material. Let's hope this time they make it....?? The other items listed in 45 appear to be on hold again.

(56) Bill Graham

I felt we should not let it pass unnoticed that Bill Graham was killed when his helicopter crashed into a pylon recently. Bill promoted many of Dylan's tours and was instrumental in bringing many of the top American acts of the sixties and seventies to our notice, in particular through his own venues 'the Fillmore West and East'. No mention of benefit concerts yet, though I am sure many will mourn the loss.

Chris Cooper

"Johanna's Revenge" - Volume 8

A completely live, all electric tape, with great versions of songs from 66, 80, 84, 87 and 90. The tape starts with a tribute to the late Stevie Ray Vaughan, followed by "Friend of the Devil", which was perhaps perceived by Dylan as a Robert Johnson(esque) comment on the late guitarist's ability as a bluesman.

Other stand-out tracks are "All Along The Watchtower", with its unusual guitar phrasing, "Forever Young", "Don't Think Twice" and "Tombstone Blues".

The 66 songs are not the widely circulating bootleg but from a stereo acetate of Albert Hall, May 26.

The full track listing is:

Side One

- (1) Moon River
- (2) Friend Of The Devil
- (3) All Along The Watchtower
- (4) I Shall Be Released
- (5) Like A Rolling Stone
- (6) Blowin' In The Wind
- (7) Highway 61 Revisited
- (8) The Lonesome Death of Hattie Carroll
- (9) Don't Think Twice, It's All Right
- (10) I and I

- (1-7) Star Plaza Theater, Merrillville, August 27, 1990;
(8-10) Brussels, October 8, 1987.

Side Two

- (1) Leopard-Skin Pill-Box Hat
(2) One Too Many Mornings
(3) Ballad Of A Thin Man
(4) Tombstone Blues
(5) Why Do I Have To Choose?
(6) Forever Young
(7) Ain't Gonna Go To Hell
(8) Girl Of The North Country
(9) To Ramona
- (1-3) Albert Hall, London, May 26, 1966; (4,5) Schaerbeck Stadium, Brussels, June 7, 1984; (6) Rotterdam, June 4, 1984;
(7-9) Paramount Theatre, Portland, December 3, 1980.

John Nye

