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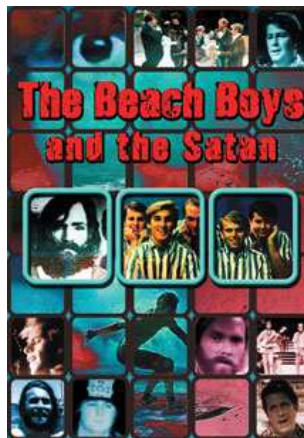
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The Sixties was a weird decade - Viet Nam, Woodstock, LSD, sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll, hippies, yuppies, dropouts, Jesus Freaks, and some of the most creative music to hit the airwaves since the invention of radio. Ground Zero was California and no band in the country said 'California' like The Beach Boys. Cranking out hits like "Little Surfer Girl," "Sloop John B," "Help Me, Rhonda," and "Good Vibrations" The Beach Boys were the All American band.



God only know what I'd be...

Yet, according to a documentary from Zeit1, there was a dark undercurrent that infiltrated the decade and extended its influence into the band when The Beach Boys' drummer, Dennis Wilson, became involved with a cult led by Charles Manson called "The Family." THE BEACH BOYS AND THE SATAN puts the Beach Boys rise to success into context with rarely seen footage of the band, while it exposes the Summer of Love's darkest side and investigates the connections between some of the most controversial characters of that period (Anton La Vey, Kenneth Anger, and Brian Wilson) and their connection to the Manson Family.

The documentary, which hits video stores on September 30, includes interviews with Kim Fowley, Don Was and the creative force behind the Beach Boys, Brian Wilson. Originally released in 1997 THE BEACH BOYS AND THE SATAN has been unavailable for nearly ten years.

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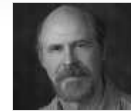
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