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DVD Spotlight

Donovan, "The Donovan Concert: Live in L.A.," (MVD Visual) 3 stars.

Yes, Donovan is a genuine throwback to an era that time almost forgot, a Scottish-born, folk-rock star in the 1960s, who became immersed in transcendental meditation, hung out with The Beatles and The Maharishi and seemingly never left that multi-colored age of the late 1960s.

He's still quite active on the touring scene though, and this 2007 concert from the Kodak Theatre in Los Angeles was a benefit to help fund school-based transcendental meditation programs for youths at risk.

Donovan was in fine voice for the occasion, spinning through his best-known material including "Catch The Wind," "Jennifer Juniper," "Season of the Witch," "Sunshine Superman and many more. He's joined by his daughter Astrella Celeste for several songs, including "Dream," and Beach Boy Mike Love makes it on stage for a rather shaky version of "Mellow Yellow."

Bonus features include Donovan playing a gentle new track, "The Illusion," from a forthcoming album tentatively titled "Ritual Groove."

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