

Johnny Cash

The Johnny Cash Christmas Special 1976 and The Johnny Cash Christmas Special 1977, both newly released on DVD, are the first to come out of the exclusive agreement between Shout! Factory and the Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum.

In the first special, Cash welcomes guests Tony Orlando, Roy Clark, Merle Travis, Barbara Mandrell and Billy Graham and includes the song, "Christmas As I Knew It."

The 1977 special has an all-star tribute to Elvis Presley, who had passed away two months prior. Taped at Nashville's Grand Ole Opry House, fellow Sun Records labelmates and rockabilly pioneers Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis and Roy Orbison join Cash on "This Train Is Bound For Glory" in memory of Presley.

These DVDs will mark the first time in 30 years that these Christmas specials have been seen. For more information, contact Lauren Gaffney at Shout! Factory, 310-979-5604.

Ten years in the making, *KISS Loves You* is a film that began back in 1994 when the band was at a career low and KISS fans around the world were starting tribute

bands, uniting at unofficial KISS Conventions and growing increasingly nostalgic for the 70's era classic band line-up. The zeitgeist exhibited at these conventions was not lost on the band and in 1996 they responded, rising up like a grease-painted phoenix into a new era of success.

On the surface, KISS fans got exactly what they longed for, but for some the return of their idols brought unexpected consequences. *KISS Loves You*, due Nov. 20 from Music Video Distributors, follows a few fans along the way. Included is extended footage from the 1996 KISS press conference on the USS Intrepid and outtakes from the film. Contact Clint Weiler at MVD Entertainment Group, 800-888-0486 ext. 115.

Lately it seems that there's a new outlet for indie acts with many a career-launching from airplay on the popular series *Grey's Anatomy*. Credit music supervisor Alexandra Patsavas and her company Chop Shop. Not only does she go through some 300 releases sent to her every week, but she's also known to search MySpace for new sounds. "I never really focus on whether a band is signed. I'm more concerned about whether it fits the

scene," she says. Send her a link to your music by visiting www.myspace.com/chopshopmusicsuper vision.

➔ New from Music Video Distributors and commemorating the band's 26th anniversary is Vader's DVD, *And Blood Was Shed in Warsaw*. This live performance from the Stodola Club in February 2007, captures the final stop of the tour promoting the band's CD, *Impressions in Blood*. Filmed with seven cameras, the DVD includes over 80 minutes of brutal death metal along with Polish metal god, Orion. See www.mvdb2b.com for further information. Contact Clint Weiler at MVD Entertainment Group, 800-888-0486 ext. 115.

Composer Joey Newman is the grandson of legendary composer Lionel Newman and cousin of composers Thomas Newman, David Newman, Maria Newman and Randy Newman. So it's no surprise that he's able to lend such a versatile score to *Trantasia*, a new DVD release from Smocko Productions and TLA Releasing.

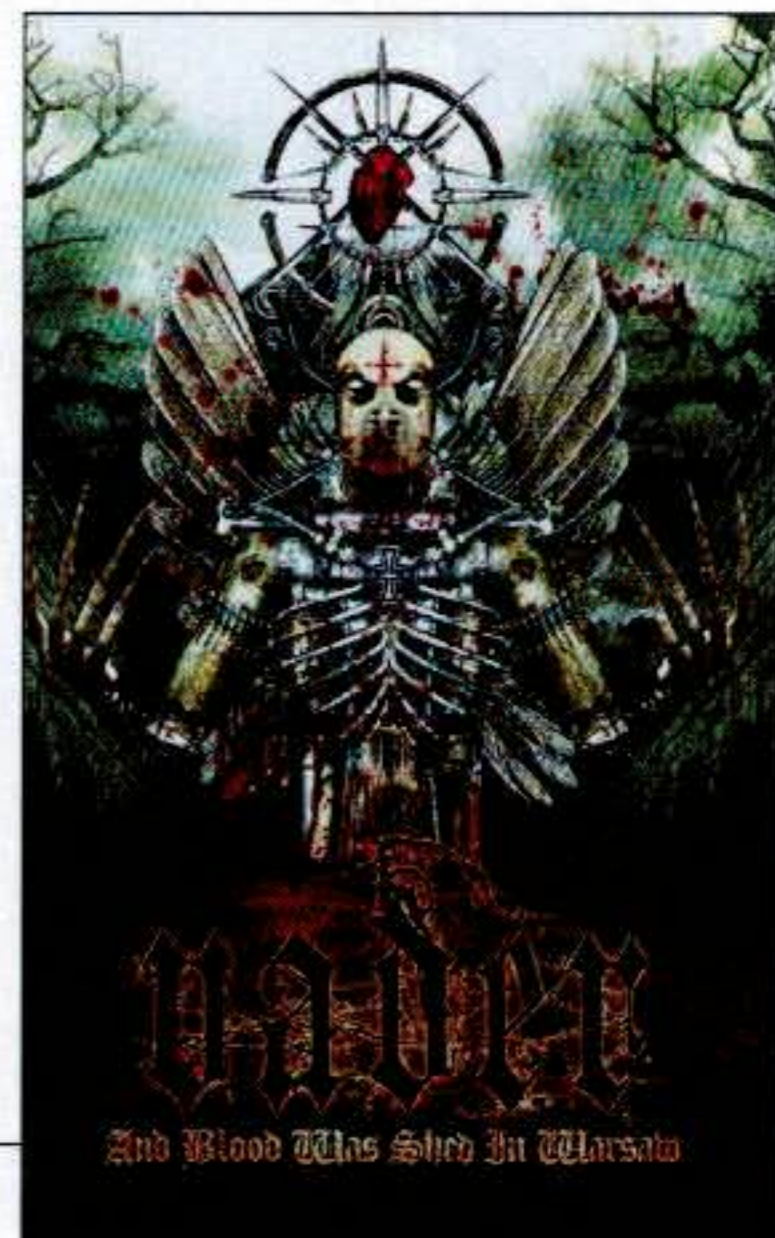
Set in the fantasy world of Las Vegas, *Trantasia* is a behind-the-scenes look at the first-ever "World's Most Beautiful Trans-sexual Pageant," with the winner getting a starring role in a controversial new Vegas Revue. The film made the festival circuit last year. For complete information, visit www.trantasiathemovie.com.

We Are Listening is currently considering indie music videos for VIRV.TV. Earlier this year, We Are Listening partnered with web video player provider, RayV, and online music licensing startup, YouLicense.com, for the development of a live, internet indie music television channel, which will broadcast 24 hours a day.

We Are Listening is a London-based artist and content development group with divisions in artist management, music publishing, and online services as well as destinations for musicians and music fans. For further information, you can go to virv.tv or wearelistening.org.

Los Angeles City College Theatre Academy (LACCTA) has announced auditions and appointments for the Theatre Academy's Spring 2007 semester will be held on Saturdays, Nov. 17 and Dec. 8, starting at 11 a.m. at the college, located at 855 N. Vermont Ave. (between Melrose Ave. and Santa Monica Blvd.) in Hollywood. Ten-minute auditions will be held for Acting applicants, and appointments will be held for Technical Theatre and Costuming applicants. There is a \$20 application fee, which must be paid by check or money order.

Acting applicants are asked to bring along a current photo and resume. If an applicant is a singer,



they are also welcome to sing 16 bars of a song, a cappella. For inquiries, call 323-953-4000, ext. 2990 (Acting), ext. 2977 (Technical) or ext. 2987 (Costuming).

New Light Entertainment, a multi-faceted, home entertainment company that delivers audio and video content to audiences, has announced the upcoming release of *Shiloh Falls*, a western that will also include downloadable music.

Scheduled to be released in Jan. 2008, the *Shiloh Falls* DVD will include both the movie and music, so when people rent or buy the DVD they can watch the movie and download music.

"What makes us different from other production and distribution companies is that we offer both the movie and new music on one DVD," Tom Sykes, New Light Entertainment founder, says. "We are changing the way people discover music."

New Light Entertainment works with musicians in all musical genres ranging from jazz and blues to country and alternative. Primarily, tracks are targeted to audiences 35 and older. For more information, contact Sykes at New Light Entertainment, 818-237-5323.

Music director/producer Ray Chew has three major network series on the fall television schedule. Chew is currently enjoying the success of the NBC show *The Singing Bee*, where he conducts the live band as they play tunes that contestants must accurately sing along to in order to win prizes.

Chew is also Music Director for *Sunday Best*, BET's new fall series, which looks for the best undiscovered gospel singers in America. Additionally, Chew is gearing up for his 16th season as Music Director of NBC's long-running *Showtime At The Apollo*.

For more information, contact Candice Smart at The Courtney Barnes Group, 323-466-9300.