

Fairport Convention, *Maidstone 1970* (MVD DVD): The original purveyors of cranked up "British country dance music" caught at a peak, hippie festival and all, with a very young pre-cult Richard Thompson wailing away on guitar and vocals on both Celtic jigs and original tunes. Bonus appearance from colleagues Matthews Southern Comfort. Maybe the earliest look at a legendary British unit.

Van Morrison, *Under Review 1964-74* (MVD DVD): Speaking of legends, here is one at his peak as well, the first decade wherein he became the most renowned Irish musical figure ever. Lots of good film and too much talk by, ewww, "critics" but what the heck, this is Van the Man when he could do no, or little, wrong, right up to his first retirement. ★