

## History in a box

**ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE**, a 5-DVD boxed set, represents an admirable attempt by journalist and film director Tony Palmer to document and explain the complex history of popular music,

TONY PALMER'S CLASSIC SERIES  
THE STORY OF POPULAR MUSIC

John Lennon  
*'A real joy achievement. Thank you!'*  
Bing Crosby  
*'Magnificent...the editing is truly outstanding. A priceless archive.'*  
Pete Seeger  
*'Its colossal emotional, intellectual and historical range is breathtaking'*



primarily in the United States and the United Kingdom.

At the suggestion of John Lennon, Palmer undertook the task in the mid-'70s. He produced 17 episodes, beginning with "God's Children," an exploration of the roots of American jazz and blues. Subsequent episodes delved into ragtime, more

jazz and blues, vaudeville, swing, country music, R&B, folk music, and rock and roll. Obviously Palmer set before himself a monumental project entailing a veritable mountain of research and a ton of hard work. That he pulled off the job at all is noteworthy. That he pulled it off so well is simply remarkable.

Scattered throughout the five discs is a great wealth of rare archival footage and photographs, along with incisive commentary from performers, producers, writers, and other relevant parties. For jazz fans, as for music fans in general, there is much here to enjoy and appreciate, such as revealing interviews with Benny Goodman, Bing Crosby, Dizzy Gillespie, and Dave Brubeck.

All 17 episodes of *All You Need Is Love* were broadcast between 1976 and 1981. Until MVD Visual released them in this boxed set in May, none had been re-broadcast or released commercially on video or DVD. [www.allyouneedislovedvd.com](http://www.allyouneedislovedvd.com)

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