

STREET BEATS

Rhino revives best of 'Shindig!'

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

"Shindig!" only had a prime time run of two years on ABC-TV in the mid-60s. The show's impact, though, cannot be measured in length but by the names who appeared on the program.

Rhino Home Video has just released three videos in what will be a 12-volume set of clips culled from the original kinescopes of "Shindig!" "Frat Party," "Motor City Magic" and "Jackie Wilson." "The Righteous Brothers - Unchained Melody," the first video of the series, was released in March.



Jimmy O'Neill may be a disc jockey on KRLA in Los Angeles today, but he became a household name when he was host of "Shindig!," the 1960s' version of MTV.

IN CONCERT

- **TODD HARVEY AND THE SCOTCH-A-BILLIES**
Monday, Sept. 23 — Todd Harvey and the Scotch-a-billies will perform at Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. For information, call 485-5050.
- **M.O.D.**
Monday, Sept. 23 — M.O.D. will perform at Rick's Cafe, 611 Church, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-2747.
- **PARADISE VALLEY JAZZ JAM**
Monday, Sept. 23 — Paradise Valley Jazz Jam will perform at Alvin's, 5756 Cass, across Wayne State University, Detroit. For information, call 832-2355.
- **CHISEL BROS.**
Tuesday, Sept. 24 — Chisel Bros. will perform at Alvin's, 5756 Cass, across Wayne State University, Detroit. For information, call 832-2355.
- **H.R.**
Wednesday, Sept. 25 — H.R., the former lead singer of Bad Brains, will perform at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-8555.
- **SOUTHGOND ZAK**
Wednesday, Sept. 25 — Southgond Zak will perform at Rick's Cafe, 611 Church, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-2747.
- **CAPTAIN DAVE AND THE PSYCHEDELIC LOUNGE CATS**
Thursday, Sept. 26 — Captain Dave and the Psychedelic Cats will perform at Rick's Cafe, 611 Church, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-2747.
- **ROY AYERS**
Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 26-29 — Roy Ayers and his Quintet will perform at Baker's Keyboard, Livernois and Eight Mile Road, Detroit. For information, call 864-1200 or 864-1201.
- **CARLOS SANTANA**
Thursday, Sept. 26 — Carlos Santana will perform 8 p.m. at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Tickets are \$22.50. For information, call 587-6000.
- **LOVE KINGS**
Thursday, Sept. 26 — Love Kings will perform with Splitters and Plastic Forest at Alvin's, 5756 Cass, across Wayne State University, Detroit. For information, call 832-2355.
- **HAPPY ACCIDENTS**
Thursday, Sept. 26 — The Happy Accidents will perform at 3-D, 1815 N. Main, Royal Oak. For information, call 589-3344.
- **ORIENTAL SPAS**
Friday through Sunday, Sept. 27-29 — Oriental Spas will perform at The Studio Lounge, Wayne Road, south of Warren Road, Westland.
- **SOUL STATION**
Friday, Sept. 27 — Soul Station will perform at Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. For information, call 485-5050.
- **LONNIE MACK**
Friday, Sept. 27 — Lonnie Mack will perform with guests, Howlin' Diablos, at Sully's, 4758 Greenfield, north of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. For information, call 846-1920.
- **JEAN LUC PONTY**
Friday, Sept. 27 — Jean Luc Ponty will perform 8 p.m. at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Tickets are \$22.50. For information, call 587-6000.
- **LIBERTINES**
Friday and Saturday, Sept. 27-28 — Libertines will perform at 20th Century Bar, 22750 Van Dyke, Warren. For information, call 757-9647.
- **KRAFTWERK**
Friday, Sept. 27 — Kraftwerk will perform at Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$20. For information, call 99-MUSIC.



The Hannibals perform Saturday, Sept. 28, at Rick's Cafe in Ann Arbor.

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"Frat Party" features the likes of the Kingmen doing "Louie Louie" and The McCoy's performing "Hang On Sloopy." "Motor City Magic" recalls memories of Motown with The Supremes and Diana Ross' rendition of "Stop! In the Name of Love" and Smokey Robinson and the Miracles' "You've Really Got a Hold on Me."

But one stands out in the mind of Jimmy O'Neill, who hosted the show that was something of a precursor to MTV. "Jackie Wilson" offers a glimpse of the man they called "Mr. Dynamite."

"Of the four tapes out right now, it's my favorite tape," said O'Neill, who is a disc jockey on KRLA in Los Angeles. "It's a goose bump video. This guy was so dynamic visually."

THE TAPES are believed to be the only ones of Wilson performing live. The soul singer died in 1984. He suffered a heart attack while on stage in 1975 and spent the following 8½ years in a coma.

Wilson is buried at Westlawn Cemetery in Westland. Fans and friends of the great performer best known for hits such as "Lonely Teardrop" and "Your Love Keeps Lifting Me) Higher and Higher" banded together to raise \$18,000 three years ago for a mausoleum. Until then, Wilson's grave had been left unmarked.

"Jackie Wilson" features 13 performances during the course of the two-year run of "Shindig!" Included in the compilation is Wilson singing "That's Why (I Love You So)," "No Pity (in the Naked City)," "Baby Workout" along with duets with Shirley Ellis and Jerry Lee Lewis.

genius of an artist who certainly left a legion of fans behind.

O'Neill said part of thrill the Wilson tapes are watching those who've never seen him perform before.

"Jackie's daughter (Sabrina Wilson) had seen the video at the (kickoff party in July) for the first time," O'Neill said. "She just kind of sat there mesmerized by the whole tape."

FOR O'NEILL and the rest of the Shindiggers, the video collection offers a chance to reminisce. The show was the first prime time vehicle devoted to pop music. Most of the appearances by artists were live, not lip-synched. "Shindig!" also featured multiple artists melodies concluding the show.

More than anything, "Shindig!" harks back to a somewhat simpler time when radio disc jockeys like O'Neill could single-handedly break new acts. His show was instrumental in doing just that.

"The artists wanted to be on 'Shindig!,'" O'Neill said. "It was a big production. They knew they were going to look good and they knew they were going to be in good company. And they were being exposed to audiences across the country."

"Shindig!" also helped resurrect the music careers of people like Little Richard and Jerry Lee Lewis, whose fortunes plummeted after his marriage to a 14-year-old third cousin in became public.

"I just saw Jerry Lee Lewis a few months ago and he still thanks me profusely for putting him on," O'Neill said.

Although the clips are in black and white with monophonic sound, the video certainly conveys the energy and



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Friday, Sept. 27 — Frank Allison and the Odd Sox will perform at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-8555.
- **BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA**
Friday and Saturday, Sept. 27-28 — Bird of Paradise Orchestra will perform at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. Cover is \$5. For information, call 662-9310.
- **BIG TOWN**
Friday, Sept. 27 — Big Town will perform with Mike Dickmeyer, Schaefer, Dearborn. For information, call 981-3650.
- **BLUE NIMBUS**
Friday, Sept. 27 — Blue Nimbus will perform with guests, Vavoom and Neophyte Nation, at Finney's Pub, 3965 Woodward, Detroit. For information, call 831-8070.
- **DUKE TOMATOE**
Friday, Sept. 27 — Duke Tomatoe will perform at Rick's Cafe, 611 Church, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-2747.
- **ROBERT PENN**
Friday, Sept. 27 — Robert Penn will perform at Ted's Pub, 38 S. Main, Clawson. For information, call 435-4755.
- **CHISEL BROS.**
Friday, Sept. 27 — Chisel Brothers will perform at Lull's 21, 2930 Jacob, off Jos. Campau, Hamtramck. For information, call 873-6555.
- **ROOMFUL OF BLUES**
Saturday, Sept. 28 — Roomful of Blues will perform at Sully's, 4758 Greenfield, north of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. For information, call 846-1920.
- **GOOBER AND THE PEAS**
Saturday, Sept. 28 — Goober and the Peas will perform at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-8555.
- **CULTURE SHOCK WITH STRANGE BEDFELLOWS**
Saturday, Sept. 28 — Culture Shock will appear with Strange Bedfellows at Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. For information, call 485-5050.
- **ALLIGATORS**
Saturday, Sept. 28 — Alligators will perform at Station Lounge, 32413 Michigan Ave., west of Merriman Road, Wayne. For information, call 721-3860.
- **CROSSED WIRE**
Saturday, Sept. 28 — Crossed Wire will perform with Ann Be Davis at Alvin's, 5756 Cass, across Wayne State University, Detroit. For information, call 832-2355.
- **HANNIBALS**
Saturday, Sept. 28 — Hannibals will perform at Rick's Cafe, 611 Church, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-2747.