

DVD-AUDIO & SACD

MUDDY WATERS

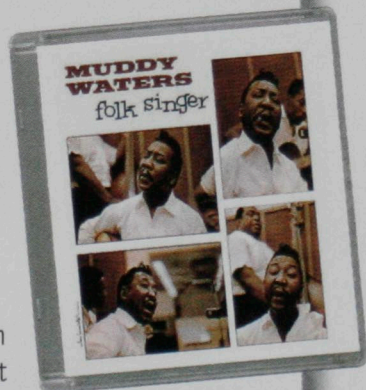
Folk Singer

HDAD DVD (24/192 stereo, 24/96 surround)

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Music: *Folk Singer* is the best-sounding Muddy Waters album ever cut. Made in 1963, it sees Waters return to his country blues roots with all-acoustic instrumentation and backing from a young Buddy Guy and blues songwriter extraordinaire Willie Dixon (upright bass), with spare drumming provided by Clifton James. They offer a wonderfully open stage for the most powerful voice in blues; everything takes a back seat to a larynx that needs no amplification. The 11 tunes include *Good Morning School Girl* and *Feel Like Going Home*, all imbued with feeling and soul. ★★★★★

Sound: Classic Records' DAD discs pre-empted DVD-Audio by putting 24/96 on standard DVD discs. When DVD-A players came along it brought in HDAD, offering 24/192, the highest quality PCM currently available. This clean and open disc has an unusual but natural reverb and phenomenal dynamic range. Digital don't get much better. ★★★★★ JK



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Symphony No. 7

Yakov Kreizberg (cond), Vienna Symphony Orchestra

SACD (stereo/multichannel SACD plus stereo CD)

