



On July 3, 1971, Jim Morrison died in a Paris bathtub after he [*extremely Jim Morrison voice*] slipped into unconsciousness. But even though The Lizard King has been dead now for 50 years, people keep on burying him. The late lead singer of The Doors has been slagged by contemporaries like Jerry Garcia (“I never liked The Doors”), Lou Reed (The Doors were “stupid”), and David Crosby (Jim Morrison is “a dork”). **He has been listed** among the worst musicians of all time, and inspired podcasts about **how much his band sucks**. On Twitter, **he has been linked** to the launch of the Vietnam War, of all calamities, and even **inspired disgruntled fans** to burn his infamous biography, *No One Gets Out Of Here Alive*, because he’s “a bad role model for youth.” With the exception of Eric Clapton — who to be fair is way, way out in front in this regard — I don’t think that there is a significant figure in classic rock history whose reputation has taken a worse hit in the past several decades than Jim Morrison. And I think I understand why. Because I used to also hate the guy’s guts. Read our defense of Jim Morrison **here**.

-- Steven Hyden, Uproxx Cultural Critic and author of *This Isn't Happening: Radiohead's "Kid A" and the Beginning of the 21st Century*



In case you missed it...

This week's *Indiecast* visualizer is about the new **Lucy Dacus** record. Check it out above or [right here](#). Revisit our other visualizers [here](#).

The [latest episode](#) of *Indiecast* brought back the Indiecasties for a mid-year review to award titles like Most Valuable Album Cycle (MVAC), Memory-Holed Album Of The Year So Far, and Most "Festival Band" Festival Band to the best and brightest of the first six months of 2021.

We [talked to](#) legendary punk band **Descendents** about their very old new album.

Just shy of its 30th anniversary, **Nirvana's** "Smells Like Teen Spirit" is the latest '90s song to [break 1 billions streams](#) on Spotify.

The new **Indie Mixtape 20 Q&A** is with [Hurry](#), who just want to wear athleisure on stage.

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OPENING TRACKS



BIG RED MACHINE

This collective spearheaded by Justin Vernon of Bon Iver and Aaron Dessner of The National prides itself on having an inclusive, all-welcoming musical atmosphere. And they've just welcomed a very famous collaborator, Taylor Swift, into the fold for their upcoming album, *How Long Do You Think It's Gonna Last?*, due August 27.

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DARKSIDE

This collaboration between electronic musician Nicolas Jaar and guitarist/multi-instrumentalist Dave Harrington creates a fascinating sonic stew that straddles the worlds of ambient, jazz, and indie rock. After emerging in the early 2010s with their debut album *Psychic*, the duo focused on other projects before reuniting for the forthcoming *Spiral*, due July 23.

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THE GOON SAX

The Australian indie-pop act is literally part of that country's lineage of melodic and clever rock bands. Guitarist Louis Forster is the son of Robert Forster of The Go-Betweens, and apparently the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. We're pretty addicted to the recent single "In The Stone" from the new *Mirror II*, due out on Friday.

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DEEP CUTS



WILLOW

It's understandable that the daughter of Will and Jada Pinkett Smith would excise her last name for her new album, *Lately I Feel Everything*. Like any artist, she's looking to be judged on her own terms as she branches out into pop-punk with the help of special guest stars like Avril Lavigne and Travis Barker.

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TORRES

This nervy singer-songwriter has had a roller-coaster career since emerging in the early 2010s. But she seems to have found a good landing spot on her current label Merge, which will be putting out her fifth album, *Thirstier*, on July 30. Check out the single "Don't Go Puttin' Wishes In My Head."

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VINYL OF THE WEEK

RHINO'S 4TH OF JULY SALE

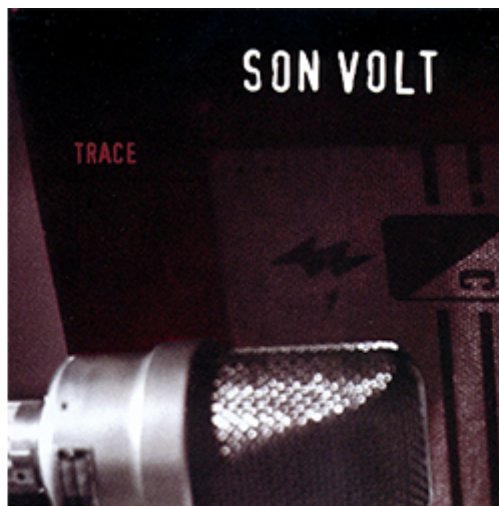


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THROWBACK

'TRACE' by SON VOLT



Right about now, people typically take a long summer road trip. If this is on your horizon, you can't go wrong with this alt-country masterpiece from 1995, which is loaded with songs about the allure of the open road.

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LINER NOTES



Jakob Dylan Reviews Every Album By The Wallflowers

Steven Hyden recently spoke with Jakob Dylan and had go through the full Wallflowers discography. Check out what the “One Headlight” singer said here.

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