

UNWIGGED & UNPLUGGED

THE LIVE CONCERT DVD

**AN EVENING WITH
CHRISTOPHER GUEST, MICHAEL MCKEAN &
HARRY SHEARER**

Performing songs from
THIS IS SPINAL TAP, A MIGHTY WIND AND MORE
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From the men behind the rock legends **Spinal Tap** and the folk trio **A Mighty Wind**, the live concert DVD of their hit 2009 US tour **UNWIGGED AND UNPLUGGED: An Evening With Christopher Guest, Michael McKean and Harry Shearer** has the legendary musical and comedic trio performing music from heavy metal's loudest band along with songs from folk's most lyrical group.

The **UNWIGGED AND UNPLUGGED** DVD features two plus hours of songs from the original soundtrack **This is Spinal Tap** (1984), the studio album **Break Like The Wind** (1992) and **A Mighty Wind** (2003) along with some special surprises and rarities thrown in.

Guest, McKean and Shearer have a long history going back decades. Guest and McKean first met in college where they wrote songs together. As for McKean and Shearer, they have known each other since 1970 when they were both members of the satirical group **The Credibility Gap** on radio stage and records. In 1979, the three appeared together for the first time in a **Rob Reiner** produced sketch comedy television pilot called **The TV Show**. It was here the world got their first glimpse of **Spinal Tap** featuring lead singer **David St Hubbins** (McKean), guitarist **Nigel Tufnel** (Guest) and bassist **Derek Smalls** (Shearer). In 1984 Reiner and the lads devised a way to bring the group back, this time in a major motion picture, **This Is Spinal Tap** and the rest is history (literally)

In 2003 Guest, McKean and Shearer came back reincarnated for the Christopher Guest directed film **A Mighty Wind** where they portrayed **The Folkmen**, a trio of folk musicians consisting of **Mark Shubb** (bass vocals and upright bass, played by Harry Shearer), **Alan Barrows** (tenor vocals, mandolin, guitar and five string banjo, played by Christopher Guest) and **Jerry Palter** (baritone vocals, guitar and mandolin, played by Michael McKean). The title track, **A Mighty Wind** (written by Christopher Guest, **Eugene Levy** and Michael McKean) was a **2004 Grammy Award Winner** for best song written for a Motion Picture, while the song **A Kiss at the End of a Rainbow** (written by Michael McKean and **Annette O'Toole**) was nominated for an **Oscar** for best song. Over the years Guest, McKean and Shearer have continued to work together in various configurations in the Guest directed films **Waiting for Guffman** (1996) **Best In Show** (2000) and **For Your Consideration** (2006).

UNWIGGED AND UNPLUGGED is not about funny costumes and characters but rather three long time friends and collaborators who make each other laugh and like nothing better than to find some excuse to get together to play music

The trio commented:

"With this being the **25th Anniversary** of the film **This is Spinal Tap**, we thought this would be a fun, and at the same time, a little challenging as we have never performed as ourselves. Think of the evening as three old friends jamming in your living room. As opposed to OUR living rooms: we won't be home"

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