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UNCUT REVEALS GREATEST DEBUT ALBUMS OF ALL TIME!

Uncut magazine out today, can exclusively reveal the **100 greatest debut albums of all time** – with art rockers **'The Velvet Underground & Nico'** taking the top spot with their eponymous 1967 release.

Narrowly beating Television's 'Marquee Moon' at number two and The Jimi Hendrix Experience's 'Are You Experienced' at number three, the New Yorkers are praised for being the "narcotic, leather coated flipside to the Summer of Love".

Other acts to appear in the top ten include indie heroes **The Stone Roses** at number four, with their 1989 release and punk icons **The Clash** at number six "who delivered the signal punk debut". There are some surprising omissions however, with **The Beatles**, **Rolling Stones** and **Bob Dylan** all failing to make the top ten.

Modern classics from **Oasis** and **Arctic Monkeys** are not ignored however. 90's classic Definitely Maybe, is placed at number thirty and is praised for "capturing the intoxicating euphoria of its era". Meanwhile Sheffield's most famous exports appear at number thirty six with their historic release "Whatever People Say I Am, That's What Im Not".

Uncut Editor Allan Jones says: After a huge amount of debate the debut album that's had the biggest influence on what we listen to today, was by a bunch of drugged-out art rockers who hung out in New York with Andy Warhol. Step forward The Velvet Underground and their 1967 debut album - The Velvet Underground & Nico - which in terms of subject matter and noise has just about everything you'd want from a rock'n'roll record."

See next page for full top twenty.

THE TOP TWENTY IN FULL:

- 1. The Velvet Underground and Nico (The Velvet Underground and Nico) 1967
- 2. **Television** (Marguee) 1977
- 3. The Jimi Hendrix Experience (Are You Experienced) 1967
- 4. The Stone Roses (The Stone Roses) 1989
- 5. **The Band** (Music From The Big Pink) 1968
- 6. The Clash (The Clash) 1977
- 7. Led Zeppelin (Led Zeppelin) 1969
- 8. Joy Division (Unknown Pleasures) 1979
- 9. Roxy Music (Roxy Music) 1972
- 10. The Stooges (The Stooges) 1969
- 11. The Who (My Generation) 1965
- 12. Ramones (Ramones) 1976
- 13. The Byrds (Mr Tambourine Man) 1965
- 14. Pink Floyd (The Piper At The Gates Of Dawn) 1967
- 15. The Rolling Stones (The Rolling Stones) 1964
- 16. New York Dolls (New York Dolls) 1973
- 17. The Beatles (Please Please Me) 1963
- 18. Patti Smith (Horses) 1975
- 19. The Sex Pistols (Never Mind The Bollocks) 1977
- 20. The Specials (The Specials) 1979

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