

MOONDOG, THE VIKING OF SIXTH AVENUE THE AUTHORIZED BIOGRAPHY

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“You know there is a maverick tradition in American music that is very strong. It’s in Ives, Ruggles, Cage, Partch, Moondog, all of these weird guys. That’s my tradition.”

— Philip Glass

“Moondog is one of the finest natural musicians I have ever encountered.”

—Arturo Toscanini

“Moondog is a genius, yeah, but he is also a saint.”

—Danny Thompson

“I have no doubt that in 40 years fathers and sons will still be talking about Moondog.”

—Elvis Costello

“Moondog is one of America’s great originals. He is an awesome figure whose horizons are vast.”

—Frank Rich

“Moondog is an artist of variant brilliance.”

—Tony Schwartz

“Hardin has blended technical wizardry with the soul of a magician.”

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