Dreams & Visions: things you NEED to know !

BEFORE SENDING IN EMPTY MEDIA TO YOUR DISTRIBUTOR, P L E A S E READ THIS DOCUMENT AND FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS

General

Dreams & Visions is a VCD (Video CD). The VCD format is widely used, since it is able to be played on almost all stand-alone DVD players and computers running the right software.

We've taken great care to make sure that Dreams & Visions will play on as many machines as possible. We STRICTLY adhered to the VCD rules. However, because of the immense number of brands and types of DVD, CD-ROM, DVD-ROM players and (re)writeable media around, we CAN NOT guarantee that this disc will work on your equipment. In ANY case of failure of playback on your system, you are taking the risk yourself. We do NOT provide replacement copies. Should you need one, contact your distributor and send in a new disc with return envelope and stamps. Also, any damage occurring from transport to or from you is also your risk.

Please note that Dreams & Visions fits on a standard 74 minute / 650 MB CD-R or CD-RW. Of course, 80 minute/700 MB media can also be sent in. However, some stand-alone DVD players have trouble playing back non-standard media like 80 minutes CD-R(W). If you decide to send in a 80 minutes disc, it is again your risk whether it plays or not. 74 minute media is the safe way to go.

We suggest that you send in empty media from a well-known, reliable brand.(Imation, Fuji, Sony, TDK etc)

You're going to want to keep this disc in good condition for a very long time and a little more money is surely worth it. Also this will prevent burning problems.

A VCD can be played on:

- Standalone VCD Players (very common in Asia), check here for a compatibility list.
- Almost all standalone DVD Players, check here for compability list
- Playstation with <u>VCD-addon</u> (Playstation 2 does NOT support VCDs, read <u>DVD</u> <u>Players list</u> for more info)
- Sega Saturn with VCD-addon
- Dreamcast with <u>VCD-addon</u>
- And on all computers with a CD-ROM/DVD-ROM with a software VCD/MPG Player.

Dreams and Visions will NOT play on a CD-I player.

I'm going to use my stand-alone DVD player to watch Dreams and Visions, what do I need to know ?

Since not all DVD players are capable of doing playback of recorded media you should know WHAT media to send in. Some players play CD-R, some players play CD-RW, some play both and some play none. Please note that often your DVD player manual will say that it won't do CD-R and/or CD-RW playback, even when it DOES.

Please check out <u>www.vcdhelp.com/dvdplayers.php</u> and see if your player can play VCD and if it can read CD-R or CD-RW.

If it's indicated that VCD's wont play, you won't be able to watch Dreams & Visions on your DVD player.

If it can play VCD's, check if it can read CD-R or CD-RW.

If it's indicated that CD-R's AND CD-RW's wont play, you won't be able to watch Dreams & Visions on your DVD player.

If your player can play both CD-R and CD-RW, send in a CD-R. It's cheaper, more reliable over the years and cannot be accidentally erased. Also it's much faster to burn for the distributor.

In doubt I suggest you burn a test disc yourself if you have a CD burner. There are test disc images at <u>www.vcdhelp.com/vcd.htm</u>. Remember to test both CD-R AND CD-RW media. Please post ANY questions about compatibility etc. at the forum at vcdhelp.com : <u>www.vcdhelp.com/forum/index.php</u>

I'm going to use my PC to watch Dreams and Visions, what do I need to know ?

You DO NOT need a DVD-ROM player in your PC to watch Dreams & Visions !!!

Any "normal" CD-ROM player will do fine. However, of course DVD-ROM players can also be used.

As far as we know almost all CD-ROM and DVD-ROM drives play back CD-R media, so send this in if you plan to watch Dreams & Visions on your computer. You will need a software player to see the contents of the disc.

Usually DVD playback programs like <u>Power-DVD</u> and <u>WinDVD</u> support playback of VCD's. However, since advanced menu's have been created on this disc, the software should be able to support this, and you should be able to press number keys to select tracks and menu's.

If you do not have a software DVD-Player on your PC, there is a small player included on the disc. For further instructions see: Manual.pdf

For Apple Mac or Linux fans: www.vcdhelp.com/play.htm#vcd