

The Phantom's JOY OF SETS

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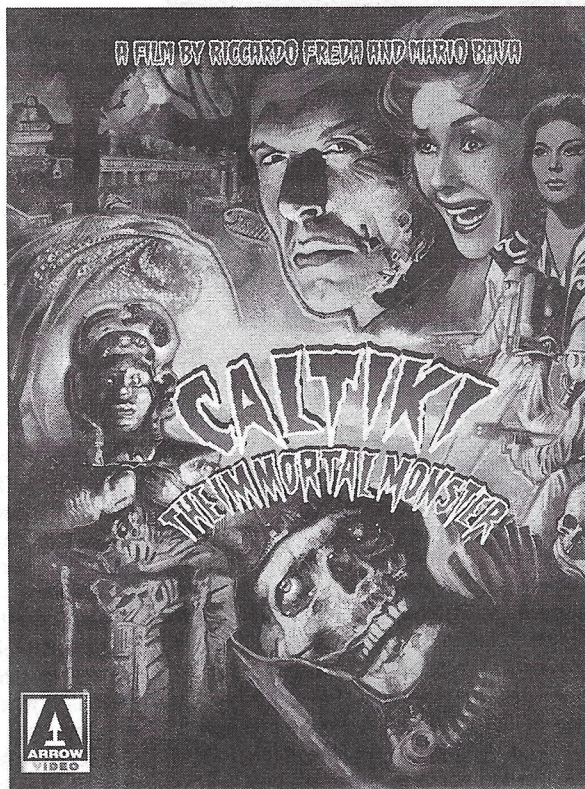
A long-elusive, much-anticipated rarity receives deluxe 2K restoration treatment from Arrow Video when director Riccardo Freda and cinematographer Mario (Black Sunday) Bava's 1959 scarefest **Caltiki, the Immortal Monster** is unleashed in a double-disc Blu-ray + DVD set (\$39.95). John Merivale stars in a tale that conjures both Quatermass and Lovecraft in its eerie account of an ancient Mayan monster on the loose in the modern world. Copious bonus features include separate new audio commentaries by Bava scholars Tim Lucas and Troy Howarth, an interview with genre author Kim Newman, archival interviews with Italo critic Stefano Della Casa and filmmaker Luigi (Contamination) Cozzi, alternate opening title for the U.S. version, and more. Also from Italy are two giallo thrillers from director Emilio P. Miraglia, **The Night Evelyn Came Out of the Grave** and **The Red Queen Kills Seven Times** in new 2K restorations, along with the spaghetti western **Django, Prepare a Coffin**, directed by Ferdinando (Comin' At Ya!) Baldi and showcasing Terence (They Call Me Trinity) Hill as the eponymous gunslinger (\$29.95 Blu-ray each). From Japan comes Kazuhiko (Karate Bear Fighter) Yamaguchi's 1975 manga-based kung-fu/horror hybrid **Wolf Guy** (\$39.95 2-disc Blu-ray + DVD), starring international action icon Sonny Chiba as a martial-arts "manimal" who uses his lycanthropic powers

to combat crime. Bonus material includes new interviews with Chiba, Yamaguchi, and producer Tatsu Yoshida, plus an illustrated booklet.

On the domestic front, Arrow releases **Donnie Darko: Limited Edition**, Richard Kelly's surreal cult classic (\$39.95 2-disc Blu-ray + DVD) in a lavish new presentation. Extras include two cast and crew commentaries, multiple new and archival interviews with Kelly and other participants, Kelly's 1996 short film **The Goodbye Place**, the behind-the-scenes documentary **The Donnie Darko Production Diary**, 20 alternate and deleted scenes, storyboard comparisons, music video, trailers, booklet and more. Also new from Arrow: **House and House II: The Second Story** in a **Two Stories Limited Edition** (\$59.95 2-disc Blu-ray) packed with bonus material: filmmaker and cast commentaries, **Ding, Dong, You're Dead! The Making of House and It's Getting Weirder: The Making of House II** documentaries, illustrated book, trailers and more

On the Eastern front, Arrow Video releases Takashi Miike's 1960s **Black Society Trilogy** (\$39.95 2-disc Blu-ray), the outre auteur's influential, violent and oft-perverse Yakuza trioka: **Shinjuku Triad Society**, **Rainy Dog** and **Ley Lines**. Bonus material includes interviews with filmmaker Miike and actor Show Aikawa, an audio commentary by Miike biographer Tom Mes, theatrical trailers, and more.

Lionsgate rescues and refurbishes a long-MIA 1976 sci-fi cult fave with its 3-disc **The Man Who Fell to Earth Limited Collector's Edition** (\$34.99 Blu-ray + DVD + Digital HD). Director Nicolas (Performance) Roeg and scripter Paul Mayersberg's simultaneously downbeat and '70s sex-spiced parable, adapted from the Walter Tevis novel, stars a charismatic David Bowie as an enterprising alien who converts his planet's hi-tech gadgetry into corporate cash in a bid to build a spacecraft to return to his homeland and endangered family. Candy Clark, Rip Torn and Buck Henry are among the Earthlings who alternately help and hinder his mission. Multiple extras include a contemporaneous Bowie interview, new interviews with director Roeg, actress Clark, writer Mayersberg, producer Michael Deeley, cinematographer Tony Richmond,



costume designer May Routh and other personnel, along with a fresh **The Lost Soundtracks** featurette, trailer, and a 72-page booklet.

Shout! Factory goes the gala Blu-ray route with a brace of Collector's Edition **Poltergeist** sequels (\$34.93 each). **Poltergeist II: The Other Side**, featuring returning cast members JoBeth Williams, Craig T. Nelson, Heather O'Rourke and Zelda Rubinstein, arrives with a new audio commentary by writer/producer Michael Grais, a second track by fan site webmaster David Furney, interviews with FX creators Richard Edlund, Steve Johnson and Screaming Mad George, actor Oliver Robins, the featurette **Ghosts of Giger**, a look at H.R. Giger's contributions, along with trailer, TV spots and still galleries. **Poltergeist III** offers a commentary by director Gary Sherman, new interviews with actress Nancy Allen, screenwriter Brian Taggart and FX creator John Caglione, Jr., plus trailer, TV spots and still galleries.

The international cult-movie specialists at Mondo Macabro intro a pair of new Blu-ray releases. Jess Franco's 1984 erotic mystery/noir **Night Has a Thousand Desires** (\$24.95) stars spouse Lina Romay as the distaff half of a gifted male-female mind-reading act; extras include a documentary on Franco, an interview with author Stephen Thrower, and bonus Mondo Macabro previews. An early entry in the K-Horror genre, Go Yeong-nam's 1981 **Suddenly in the Dark** (\$29.95) tells a terrifying tale of sexual jealousy and supernatural vengeance; bonus material includes interviews with producer David Juh and critic Kim Bong-sook, a Korean Cover Cavalcade, and previews.

