

# **Entertainment**

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### Fishy Stones

Fishy Stones (1990). A poorly-executed jewelry store heist finds two amateur thugs on the run from the cops. After a chase through the countryside, they desperately stash their loot in a clump of bushes, before they're



apprehended and thrown in jail. Fast forward to two teenage boys, the best of friends, heading off into the wilderness and finding a bounty of hidden diamonds on their camping expedition! Meanwhile, the two thugs make a daring escape from prison, and in searching for their loot, pick up the trail of the two boys, to hunt them down in a grand finale. Part of IndiePix Films' RETRO AFRIKA Collection (2).



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## Schlock

John Landis' first film has been transformed with a 4K resolution that makes Schlock (Arrow Video Blu-ray-1973) into a love story stranger than King Kong! Here is a new Special Edition starring Eliza Garrett. From writer/ director John Landis, the mind behind The Blues Brothers and An American



Werewolf in London, comes a love story that transcends the boundaries of nature and good taste! Carnage! Terror! Banana skins! The mighty prehistoric ape Schlocktropus has emerged from hiding to embark on a full-scale rampage across a quiet Southern Californian suburb. The police are baffled. The army is powerless. The body count is rising. But when Schlocktropus encounters a kindly blind woman (Garrett, National Lampoon's Animal House) who sees beyond his grotesque visage, the homicidal simian is presented with a chance at redemption. Shot over twelve days on a micro-budget, Schlock launched the careers of both Landis and legendary effects makeup artist Rick Baker (Videodrome). An uproarious spoof of monster movies, packed to the gills with irreverent humor and biting satire, Schlock serves as the outrageous missing link between the creature features of yesteryear and its creators' subsequent varied and celebrated careers. The release includes: High Definition Bluray (1080p) presentation, Original lossless mono soundtrack, Optional English subtitles for the deaf and hard of hearing, Audio commentary by writer/director John Landis and makeup artist Rick Baker, New video interview with author and critic Kim Newman, Birth of a Schlock, a 2017 video interview with John Landis and Archival video interview with cinematographer Bob Collins! BONUS: Reversible sleeve featuring original and newly commissioned artwork by Graham Humphreys, and you don't want to miss this, - FIRST PRESSING ONLY: Illustrated collector's booklet featuring new writing on the film by Joe Bob Briggs. Really, a wonder funny film (old release titled as the Banana Monster) and the budget in Shlock was so low, that Landis played the monster himself.

### Prehysteria

Now out of the old film vaults of 1993 comes the original party animals of the 4K remastered Prehysteria (Special Edition –Full Moon Blu-ray). Anticipating the success of JURASSIC PARK, this VHSera favorite follows the misadventures of Jerry Taylor (Austin O'Brien, THE LAST ACTION HERO), a 12



year old Elvis-loving kid and his sister Monica (Samantha Mills), whose raisin farmer dad Frank (Brett Cullen, GHOST RIDER) accidentally brings home a bundle of rare eggs unearthed in the rainforest by Rico Sarno (Stephen Lee, DOLLS), an sinister museum curator. Suddenly, the eggs hatch, unleashing a pack of diminutive dinosaurs that the kids name after their favorite rock and pop music stars -Elvis, Jagger, Madonna, Paula and...Hammer (Hey, it WAS the '90s after all!). But when Sarno finds out about the dinos, he'll stop at nothing to get his hands on them and it's up to Jerry and Monica to protect their new "family". This wild and hilarious comedy/fantasy classic features top-notch stop-motion special effects by the great David Allen (PUPPET MASTER, LASERBLAST) and is ready to be embraced by a new generation of children and kids of all ages looking for charming, eccentric retro-genre entertainment. PREHYSTERIA in a remastered, high-definition transfer taken from the original 35mm camera negative. Now get to share part of your childhood with your own family today! The kids (and everybody will love this film created before the complicated world of CGI!

#### Umbango

Amazing to say the least, now Indie Pix Films launches the "Retro Afrika Collection," featuring Digitally-Restored, Apartheid-Era Classics rarely seen outside the boarders of South Africa! The first three releases include Umbango, one of the first Zulu Westers and two Lo-Fi Crime Capers, Fishy Stones



and Gone Crazy, all on DVD, VOD and Digital as well as through the SVOD Service, aka, - IndiePix Unlimited. First to roll out is Umbango (1986). Actors: Popo Gumede, Hector Mathanda, and Kay Magubane! In the wild west of KwaZulu-Natal, Jet and Owen, two friends accused of murder, prepare to fight back against KK, a powerful, ruthless businessman bent on revenging his dead brother. KK strong-arms the local sheriff into forming a posse of thugs to aid in his vendetta, and when the two innocent friends learn of the gang out for their blood, they prepare to fight back and stand their ground, the old-fashioned way. A final gun-fight showdown in a small five-horse town brings the action-packed conflict to a head, where blood will be spilt if the friends wish to come out alive! Produced by and starring native South Africans, paying homage to Hollywood action, in a groundbreaking B-movie style, a precursor to today's burgeoning Nollywood industry.

### Gone Crazy

Gone Crazy (1980s). Actors: Pepsi Mabizela, Fikile Majozi, and Roy Dlamini. In this lo-fi summer romp, a psychopath seeking revenge on a small town mayor steals a mega-bomb from a local research facility, planning



to blow up a dam and drown the town. Two police inspectors, each working different angles of the case, team up to rescue a kidnapped professor and stop the madman in the tracks of his evil plan. Part of IndiePix Films' RETRO AFRIKA Collection (3).