

The Impaler Speaks

Portlandia: Season Two



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The dream of the 90s is still alive – though which century's 90s, exactly, gets called into question here (!) – and once again, we all win. Season Two of the IFC ([Independent Film Channel](#)) series 'Portlandia' is out now on DVD and Blu-Ray, featuring all ten episodes and a slew of bonus features. My only complaint this time around is that the show's creator, Jonathan Krisel, dips into his way-out-there well a bit too much in the last few episodes, which feature an abundance of absurdist anti-comedy straight out of 'The Tim & Eric Awesome Show'. Sure, Krisel and many of the other cast and crew members have been involved in 'Tim & Eric' from the beginning, but 'Portlandia' is a different animal, a much smarter animal, and it is funnier and better when it sticks to its strengths – which are legion. Lead actors Fred Armisen and Carrie Brownstein continue to develop already-beloved characters and introduce plenty of new ones in this season, bringing a sense of stability to the young series that should ensure at least a few more seasons over the next few years. As in the first season, a key reason to watch – and love – 'Portlandia' is the abundance of guest stars. Kyle MacLachlan returns with a recurring role as the city's loveable and at times seemingly clueless mayor, and again turns in performances that are nothing short of legendary every time. Other guests this season include Pearl Jam frontman Eddie Vedder, 'Saturday Night Live' stars Andy Samberg and Kristen Wiig, '30 Rock' star Jack McBrayer, the always-amazing Jeff Goldblum, the also always-amazing Tim Robbins, and – geek alert! – my favorite guests from my favorite 'Portlandia' episode to date – where Armisen and Brownstein play a couple that becomes (understandably) obsessed with the



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greatness that is 'Battlestar Galactica' – Edward James Olmos [Admiral William Adama] and James Callis [Dr. Gaius Baltar]. 'Portlandia' has proven over the course of its current 16-episode run that it is among the best sketch comedy shows ever produced, and to miss out on it is nothing short of a criminal offense. The aforementioned bonus features include live performances of some of the shows more popular sketches, deleted scenes, a behind-the-scenes featurette, and an excerpt from the new book 'Portlandia: A Guide For Visitors'. **The Impaler @impalerspeaks**

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