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Fred Armisen stars in 'Portlandia,' season two, new on DVD and Blu-ray

Far out and far left, the tragically hip residents of Portland, Ore., are gently mocked in the buzzed-about IFC sketch show "Portlandia," starring Fred Armisen and Carrie Brownstein. Season two recently dropped on DVD and Blu-ray.

"Portlandia," season two

Who says liberals have no sense of humor? The radical residents of Portland, Ore., are ripe for the mocking, and this nutty, often playful sketch comedy series from executive producer Lorne Michaels gives it to them. Fred Armisen of "Saturday Night Live" and Carrie Brownstein play a range of characters, with the help of makeup experts and hair stylists. From ridiculous restaurant rules to rigid thinking at a feminist bookstore, the buzzed-about show riffs knowingly on foibles of the hip and freaky. It was nominated for Emmys for its writing and directing. Season two guest stars include Tim Robbins, Andy Samberg, Ed Begley Jr., Jeff Goldblum, Penny Marshall, Edward James Olmos, Eddie Vedder and Kristen Wiig. The 2012 season is 10 episodes, 220 minutes. Extras: one deleted scene, commentary on four episodes, an excerpt from the book, "Portlandia: A Guide for Visitors," a director's cut of the skit "Brunch Village," and two specials, "Portlandia the Tour: Seattle" and "Inside Portlandia." From **Music Video Distribution**. Released Sept. 25.