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Coming Attractions

DEJA RE-VU

Pop Culture Classics' Recommended CDs, DVDs and Books

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DVDs

"FCA! 35 TOUR: AN EVENING WITH PETER FRAMPTON"

Hard to believe it's been 35 years since "Frampton Comes Alive" first dazzled listeners. The occasion is marked by the release, on Blu-Ray and two-disc DVD, of the singer-guitarist in concert. For those who need reminding, this set makes clear that, beyond all the hype, Frampton was one of the '70s most electrifying artists. These performances, filmed in New York City and Milwaukee venues demonstrate that, today, he remains at the top of his game. The first portion recreates the entire "FCA" album, including the classic "Show Me The Way." The second contains originals and some very cool covers, including "Jumpin' Jack Flash," "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" and Soundgarden's "Black Hole Sun." In widescreen 1080p hi-def and DT-HD Master Audio 5.1 Surround, Frampton's artistry will blow you away!

"HUNGARIAN RHAPSODY: QUEEN LIVE IN BUDAPEST"

The iconic band's 1986 Magic Tour climaxed in Budapest, Hungary, in front of 80,000 ecstatic fans. Queen was the first major Western rock band to play behind the Iron Curtain. Fronted by charismatic Freddie Mercury, with guitar energy from the equally extraordinary Brian May, the band powered through such classics as "Bohemian Rhapsody," "Radio Ga Ga," "Crazy Little Thing Called Love" and "We Are The Champions." Hungarian director/cinematography Janos Zsombolyai skillfully captured the excitement. The visuals and audio, especially in Blu-Ray, are amazing. Some behind-the-scenes footage adds to the importance of this remastered film, now made available through Eagle Rock Entertainment. And a very worthwhile bonus is included on this disc - the documentary "A Magic Year."



IKE & TINA - "ON THE ROAD 1971-72"

This is a fascinating documentary, catching Ike and Tina at their peaks as entertainment dynamos. We're able to observe the couple not only on stage, but behind the scenes, traveling, in the studio, and at home. Photojournalist Bob Gruen and his wife Nadya had complete access and caught many telling moments. We see Ike and Tina's undeniable chemistry, but also hints of the fiery friction that ultimately annihilated this stormy relationship. Most of the footage is in black-and-white, often grainy. But the exhilarating performance moments transcend all, including technical limitations and foreshadowed tragedies.

"LAPLAND ODYSSEY"

The title refers to a desolate, frozen area of Finland, where, traditionally, suicide can be one's best friend. But it's the setting for this quirkily charming Finnish/Swedish/Icelandic comedy. The cinematography is arresting, as well. Aimless, jobless Janne (Jussi Vatanen) disappoints his lovely, if tempestuous wife Inari (Pamela Tola) one time too many. She insists that if, in the wee hours of the morning, he doesn't come up with the digibox he promised her, so she can finally see satellite TV, their marriage is over. Thus begins a buddy road trip that's very funny and very human, as Janne and his slacker pals set in motion a chain of disasters. The results are thoroughly engaging for the viewer (except for an inappropriate scene depicting the butchering of a stubborn reindeer). The disc also includes an interview with director Dome Karukoski, as well as one of his short films.

"CHILLER" - THE COMPLETE TELEVISION SERIES

Right from the unnerving title sequence, this five-episode British TV supernatural anthology series will keep you on the edge of your seat. Consistently suspenseful, the hour-long shows benefit from the performances of top-flight U.K. actors, including Kate Isitt ("Coupling"), John Simm ("Doctor Who," "Life On Mars"), Sophie Ward ("Jane Eyre"), Samantha Holland ("Bleak House"), Don Warrington ("Doctor Who," "Manchild"), Nigel Havers ("Chariots of Fire," "Manchild," "Downton Abbey Christmas Special") and Martin Clunes ("Men Behaving Badly," "Doc Martin," "Reggie Perrin"). Intriguing subject matter includes a seance's deadly aftermath, the spirit of an unborn child, a haunted house and a serial killer. They all take unpredictable twists and turns. Genre fans will definitely find this 1995 series, never before seen in the States, to be well worth discovering. Kudos to Synapse Films for making this two-disc set available.

"IN SEARCH OF..." THE COMPLETE SERIES"

This 146-episode syndicated series, originally hosted by Leonard Nimoy from 1976 to 1982, explored the world's great mysteries - UFOs, witchcraft, lost civilizations, monsters, myths, conspiracies and unexplained paranormal phenomena. In addition, the show tackled such infamous stories as Jack the Ripper, Jimmy Hoffa, the Titanic and the Jim Jones cult. Nimoy even wrote an episode about Vincent Van Gogh. The episodes included interviews with scientists and researchers, scenic filmed footage and reenactments. Prepare to embark on entertainingly strange adventures. The set includes the Sci-Fi Channel's tacky 2002 revived

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Alice Cooper
Alvin Lee
Andy Summers
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Art Garfunkel
Arthur Lee- Love
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