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DEJA RE-VU

Pop Culture Classics' Recommended CDs, DVDs and Books By Paul Freeman

"EUROPE: 30TH ANNIVERSARY LIVE"

Shot at the Sweden Rock Festival in Solsborg, 2013, this set features the classic lineup of the Swedish band Europe, still at the height of its powers, more than 30 years after their debut. Norwegian guitarist John Norum knows how to shred. And lead vocalist Joey Tempest continues to be a whirling dervish on stage. Blu-Ray captures all of the excitement. Guest appearances by Scott Gorham (Thin Lizzy) and Michael Schenker add to the frenzy. An acoustic set provides an excellent balance to the evening's heavy rock. Among the memorable numbers are "Scream of Anger," "Prisoners In Paradise," "Open Your Heart," "Carrie," "Jailbreak" and, of course, "The Final Countdown."

"SPACE VOYAGES"

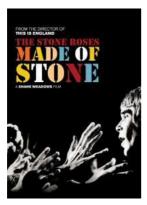
This four-part Smithsonian Channel series explores the real-life scientific adventure of putting humans into deep space. The detailed documentary gives us a clear picture of the space program's past, present and future. There are stunning visuals, as well as insightful interviews with astronauts, engineers and NASA officials. A fascinating excursion.

"GOOD OL' FREDA'

Beatle fans may think they've heard every possible anecdote relating to the Fab Four. But "Good O' Freda" offers a wealth of previously untold tales. Freda Kelly was the band's secretary, from 1961's Cavern days to 1972 at Apple headquarters. She was a teen, when she started helping out with the fan club. And she remained a fan, caring and down-to-Earth. In this charming documentary, Kelly doesn't reveal any secrets, she simply offers fond remembrances of being part of the group's inner circle. Bonus features include audio commentary with Freda and director Ryan White, deleted scenes, and a Q&A from The Fest For Beatle Fans. Every moment of this new DVD release will delight Beatle aficionados

"BRONIES: THE EXTREMELY UNEXPECTED A DULT FANS OF MY LITTLE PONY"

"My Little Pony" has become a pop culture phenomenon. Filled with positive messages and a sense of wonder, it shouldn't be surprising that the show's popularity has extended far beyond its original primary audience of young girls. And yes, the devoted fans now include grown men. You'll find their stories to be surprisingly fascinating and often poignant, as they explain why they were drawn to this idyllic world of friendship-seeking ponies. It's a heartfelt reminder not to judge others too harshly... or too quickly.



"STONE ROSES - MADE OF STONE"

British filmmaker Shane Meadows ("This Is England") lovingly documents the reunion of one of the most hyped bands of all-time, Manchester's Stone Roses. It's a classic rock 'n' roll story of egos, fame, drugs and, yes, fantastic music. The DVD offers archival footage, as well as new performances and interviews. The rehearsal process is thoroughly engrossing. Concert sequences sound great in Dolby Digital 5.1. The homecoming shows in front of hundreds of thousands of ecstatic fans are thrilling to behold. It's an important reminder that, beyond all the media madness, Stone Roses really were an incredible band.

"CEELO GREEN IS LOBERACE"

Like Liberace, CeeLo Green is a consummate showman. Live in Las Vegas, surrounded by showgirls, he's in his element. Even Liberace himself might have found some of Green's costumes to be a bit gaudy. But it's all in good fun. Rap-pop

star Green delivers hits such as "Crazy," "Forget You" and "Bright Lights, Big City," as well as covers spanning everything from Rick James to Rod Stewart. All in all, a glittering spectacle, ideal for Sin City and equally enjoyable via your Blu-Ray player.

ROGER CORMAN HORROR CLASSICS: VOL. 1

Film Chest has certainly done justice to these works of Corman, the King of the Bs. Thanks to HD restoration, the three films look terrific. Inferior prints have been floating around on TV and DVD for ages. These widescreen versions, from 35mm, with sound mastered in 5.1 surround, will delight horror cultists everywhere. Producer Corman always had an amazing eye for talent. Francis Ford Coppola made an early directorial turn with the eerie "Dementia 13," which stars the underrated and entrancing Luana Anders as a recently widowed woman who moves to an Irish farm mired in strangeness. Bad move indeed. In the wonderfully weird "Bucket of Blood," the quirky character actor Dick Miller plays a beatnik waiter who stumbles on fame as an artist, when he encases corpses in plaster. "The Terror" is fun to watch, because of a double dose of charisma, supplied by one actor on the brink of stardom, Jack Nicholson, and another near the end of a legendary career, Boris Karloff. Corman himself directed the latter two films, proving again that high entertainment value can be squeezed from low-budget pictures. This very reasonably priced three-disc set is a worthy addition to any film collection.

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