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SCOUT DUR WOOD

TAKE ONE THING OFF

Scout Durwood
"Scouts honor!" Scout Durwood, combines both comedy and music into one big party favor for your summer listening pleasure. This well-received smiles with both her humor and her songs that are all of her own creation. Start with the title track "Take One Thing Off" then "Go Go" and check out "All the Pretty Bottles," which is really not pretty at all. Enjoy a laugh and a song with these 19 selections on Durwood's debut. Available now

HOLIDAY INN

Original Broadway Cast Recording

Whether it's gay pride, the fourth of July or Christmas day, holidays are meant to be celebrated and enjoyed. The impeccable songwriting of Irving Berlin is presented in a hybrid production of his very finest songs for Holiday Inn. Innovative and fresh, the cast performs selections from Alexander's Ragtime Band, Easter Parade, Call Me Madam and Blue Skies, along with songs from Paramount's 1941 Holiday Inn. The arrange ments and performances are all cleverly outstanding. It's clearly a quadruple threat of Berlin's genius to step out with. Available July 21.

CATALOGUE: 1985-2012

Pet Shop Boys

IRVING BERLIN'S

'Absolutely Fabulous…''The Pet Shop Boys are not only ton of never-released remixes, demos and for "further listening "tracks, bound to have you as happy as a pup.The albums Nightlife, Release and Fundamental kick off this master class of Neil Tennant and Chris Lowe music. Remastered and refreshed "It's A Sin" or perhaps "I'm With Stupid" or even an unreleased version of "Alone Again, Naturally" performed with Sir Elton John. Available July 21.

WATCH THIS:

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO AL GREEN

 $documentary \, on \, the \, unique \, and \, gifted \, soul \, singer \,$ Al Green. A man who left the music world behind to bring the message of inspiration and hope forth as a preacher in Memphis, Tennessee. There are a priceless amount of interviews, rare concert footage and those close to Al Green. The Gospel According to Al Green is revelatory and inspirational as his story unfolds of "Let's stay together, whether times are good or bad or happy or sad." Available July 7.

The Life and Death of ACT UP/LA

BENITA ROTH

DO YOU TAKE THIS MAN

How much tension or unexpected crisis can occur the day before a wedding? In the human comedy there is always drama guaranteed. Two men (portrayed by veteran actor Anthony Rapp and the boyishly handsome Jonathan Bennett) discover more about each other, their relationship and trust... While also dealing with parents, relatives and personalities during the course of one day before "the big day." Though not as potent as it could have been, the solid acting from Rapp and the Available July 11.

YOU CAN'T ESCAPE LITHUANIA

A psychological and intriguing 80-minute foreign film about a well-to-do, young gay filmmaker who decides to help the actress who stars in his films. Why? She has murdered her mother and needs to flee the country to escape the crime. Taking her and his Latin boyfriend across the country... relationships, secrets and conflict ensues as the filmmaker documents their journey on his smartphone. Did the filmmaker make the right choice to help his star and leading lady or

Available July 11.

THE LIFE AND DEATH OF ACT UP/LA: ANTI-AIDS ACTIVISM IN LOS ANGELES FROM THE 1980S TO THE 2000S

There was a time in the not-so-distant past where thousands of men, woman and children were dying of and dealing with AIDS. The AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACTUP) was at the forefront in the fight for awareness, funding from our government and to strongly fight for social inequalities and loss in the face of politics. Thoroughly researched by author Benita Roth, she offers a fresh perspective and respect for the rebellious and historical work done by the men and women of ACTUP. Available now

MIDNIGHTER AND APOLLO

Steve Orlando and Fernando Blanco
Immediately thinking back to the "Ambiguously Gay
Duo" from Saturday Night Live at one time... Here comes
Midnighter and Apollo, but on a much more realistic
level for fantasy. Both comic book heroes share a relationship as well. From the gates of Hell to Heaven Blanco put the hero in "gay" and these two supermen in the spotlight, for this new comic book adventure in

Available July 25

CHARLES LUDLAM LIVES!

Sean Edgecomb

If the name of Charles Ludlam isn't familiar, the actor, play wright and director revolution ized the LGBTQtheatre scene. His openness, creativity and talent in creating The Ridiculous Theatrical Company and his legacy is honored with perceptive recollections from those who knew him best including the remarkable Charles Busch. His integration of gay humor, pathos and attitude in advancing public perception through his art is guite something. Ludlam's unique perspective of camp, friendship and history is a vivid read for both gay history buffs and LGBTQ theatre lovers.

Available July 28.



