

# ENTERTAINMENT

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### COCO

★★★★★. PG. 109 Minutes. Walt Disney/Pixar.

It's a film that begs to be seen in 3-D! Period! COCO is a fiesta for the eye and ears! A Mexican serenade about death & loss from a child's perspective that will touch you in a warm way. The delightful colorful visuals and Mariachi soundtrack was created by New Orleans' own Michael Giacchio, who I interviewed long ago when he created the music for Disney's "Incredibles!" A job well done here in the land of the dead! A love letter to Mexican Culture, adoration and for-

giveness, the dark story concerns the fact that despite his family's baffling generations-old ban on music, Miguel (voice of newcomer Anthony Gonzalez) dreams of becoming an accomplished musician like his idol, Ernesto de la Cruz (voice of Benjamin Bratt). Desperate to prove his talent, Miguel finds himself in the stunning and colorful Land of the Dead following a mysterious chain of events. Along the way, he meets charming trickster Hector (voice of Gael García Bernal),

and together, they set off on an extraordinary journey to unlock the real story behind Miguel's family history. Without love and photos displayed on the day Of the Dead Festival, one loved one will be lost forever! Imaginative in design, color concept and full of interesting skeletons you will be immersed in an adventure that will water your eyes and melt your heart! Please support 3-D in the parish or you will lose this theatre completely! Hooray! The film has made \$49 mil-



lion and Chalmette Movies has extended the 3-D theatrical run another weekend! Miracles do happen.

## Holiday Gift Guide

A perfect gift and already gift wrapped in a colorful Christmas book jacket. 'Tis the season for Scrooge, the ghost of Christmas past, and Charles Dickens. Becker Street is releasing the film *The Man Who Invented Christmas*, starring Dan Stevens and Christopher Plummer. By some Dickensian coincidence, Flatiron Books is also publishing a novel about the season Charles Dickens spent writing his classic *Christmas story: Mr. Dickens and His Carol* by Samantha Silva. A charismatic novel, an easy read, full of pure charm and humor, and a terrific holiday tale. The perfect gift for all!

Paramount has been proud that more than 20 million 4K Ultra Definition (UHD) pricy televisions have been sold to date. That's because a new format will surface in 2018! I feel sorry for your eyes and retinas as your rods and cones receiving those over-saturated glaring colors will eventually affect the chemical and nervous signals that reach the brain by way of your optic nerve. So be careful you don't overdo the 4K thing. Even the theaters do not have that much saturated cartoon colors on the projected screen. Now available in 4K abundance (and without a Blu-ray 3-D copy) are all five of the blockbuster Transformers films, (*Transformers*, *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen*, *Transformers: Dark of the Moon*, *Transformers: Age of Extinction* and *Transformers: The Last Knight*) well as director Christopher Nolan's awe-inspiring masterpiece *Interstellar*, all on 4K UHD for Holiday Gifts.

Now in reissue for gifts include: *Mussolini...The Untold Story* (Full-length Miniseries- The Sprocket Vault DVD) starring George C. Scott. See the rise and fall of the Italian fascist dictator...He was powerful—arrogant—mesmerizing. He dreamed of a new Roman Empire—and himself as its new emperor. As Italy's leader he was at first revered... then feared... and ultimately despised. Perfect for Historians on your gift list!

Here's nostalgia news for my good friend Jimmy Clanton, who was born in Baton Rouge, and now living in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Jim was so pleased when I announced to him Sprocket Vault DVD has re-released the classic 1959 film *Go Johnny Go!* Re-live all the great single hits that made radio famous today! Restored from the original negative: Rock'n'roll changed 1950's America at 45 revolutions per minute and the swinging-est of the rock'n'roll movies was the electrifying *Go, Johnny, Go!* Hung on the loose storyline of "King of Rock'n'roll" Alan Freed's search for the next big star are way-out performances by all-time greats Chuck Berry, Ritchie Valens, Eddie Cochran, Jimmy Clanton, Jackie Wilson and many more. Special features: commentary by Richard M. Roberts, Randy Skretvedt, and Brent Walker - Plus Original Theatrical Trailer.

Put a little thrill into your Christmas with the re-issue of *Ruby*, a two-disc special edition (MVD Visual Blu-Ray). *Ruby* is a horror film with the emphasis on atmosphere and suspense, but it also contains enough creepy special effects and blood and gore to satisfy the most demanding genre fans. Directed by cult-film director Curtis and featuring an impressive cast including Piper Laurie (her unbelievable performance is a mesh up of *Mommy Dearest* and *Davis' Whatever Happened To Baby Jane*), fresh from her starring role in *Carrie*, 1976, as *Ruby*, and Stuart Whitman. The movie begins in 1935, *Ruby* Clair, beautiful hostess of a Florida gambling house, watches in horror as her gangster boyfriend is gunned down. That same night *Ruby's* baby is born. Fast forward to 1951. *Ruby* now owns a drive-in movie operated by a crew of ex-convicts she has befriended. One by one her theater employees are savagely murdered. Could it be the work of a rival criminal settling an old score? Or could it be an evil wreaking vengeance from beyond the grave? A psychologist from the state prison tries to find out - and what he discovers is not for the squeamish.

Put a little Devil in your school spirit! Re-issues is the Greydon Clark Classic - *Satan's Cheerleaders* (MVD Visual Blu-ray + DVD). Great talent such as John Ireland, Yvonne De Carlo, Jack Kruschen, John Carradine, and Sydney Chaplin makes this an ideal classic for your horror collector on your Xmas list! Benedict High School's cheerleaders aren't shy and sweet. The football team knows them well - and Billy, the school's disturbed janitor, would like to. In the locker room, the girl's shower and dress, unaware of the evil eyes which secretly watch them. They don't know that a curse has been placed on their clothes. And they don't know that their trip to the first big game of the season might sideline them for eternity. Will the cheerleaders succumb to the dark ritual of sexual sacrifice and death that's been plotted for them? Only those who dare watch will know!

Have a picky person to give a gift? Try the Critic's Pick sensation *Time To Die* (Film Movement Blu-ray Classics). This classic Mexican neo-western was the first realized screenplay of Nobel Prize winner Gabriel García Márquez and legendary Mexican novelist Carlos Fuentes. Under the direction of Mexican auteur Arturo Ripstein, *Time to Die* tells the story of a former gunman who returns to his town after serving time in prison. He plans to live a quiet life, but the sons of the man he killed have other plans. Bonus features include commentary by director Arturo Ripstein and actor Enrique Rocha; Video introduction of *Time to Die* by director/actor Alex Cox; Collector's Booklet with film essay by Carlos A. Gutiérrez, Co-Founder of Cinema Tropical. Beautifully restored in 2K and released on Blu ray for the first time since 1966.

Here's a DVD Gift that will put a chill into your Christmas as *Harmonium* (Film Movement Classics) adds some exciting violent secrets and unspoken misery, that hopefully, won't ruin to your Holidays completely, just shake you up a bit! It's all a movie- right? Intended as a companion piece to the black comedy *Hospitalite*, *Harmonium* returns to the domestic sphere as it captures the collapse of a seemingly ordinary Japanese family. Life for Toshio, his wife, and their younger daughter *Hotaru* carries on as usual until he hires the mysterious Mr. Yasaka, an old acquaintance dressed in white who has just been released from prison, in his workshop. *Harmonium* captivated critics and audiences alike during the 69th Cannes Film Festival, where it won the Un Certain Regard Jury Prize. Bonus Features include New York Asian Film Festival interview with star Kanji Furutachi and short film, *Birds*, directed by Koji Fukada.

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