



**ELEMENTARY:  
THE SIXTH SEASON  
(6-DVD)**

**CBS DVD + Paramount**  
How would the legendary Sherlock Holmes cope if he lost his one-of-a-kind deductive skills? In *Elementary: The Sixth Season*, the famed detective Sherlock (Jonny Lee Miller) faces this devastating possibility when he is diagnosed with Post-Concussion Syndrome, a disorder that causes physical and cognitive symptoms, including memory loss. With his career, calling and sobriety all at stake, he must rely even more on his steadfast partner, Dr. Joan Watson (Lucy Liu). Together, they continue in their mission to crack the NYPD's most baffling crimes and puzzling cases. Your mind will be blown by all 21 thrilling episodes in this 6-disc collection as Sherlock fights to overcome a mystery even he may not be able to solve.

**DRAGNET:  
COLLECTOR'S EDITION  
(Blu-ray)**  
**Shout! Factory**

Many 'seniors' will likely remember this opening line for the television police drama; *Dragnet* that first aired in the 1950s ... "This is the city." Dan Aykroyd appears as the namesake nephew of Detective Sergeant Joe Friday, originally played by actor Joe Webb, and his sidekick is Tom Hanks as the footloose, wisecracking Pep Streebek. Aykroyd is at his comedic best as the nephew of Friday. Like his uncle, he's a blue-suited-by-the-rules cop who reluctantly joins forces with Streebek to rescue the City of Angels from the machinations of a power-mad Reverend and corrupt Police Commissioners. And those are "just the facts" of this hysterically funny action-comedy! A comedy that pays homage to the police dramas of yesteryear!

**THE SOUND OF MUSIC LIVE  
(Blu-ray)**  
**Shout! Studios**

The world's most popular musical, Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music*, comes brilliantly to life in this ambitious, live-broadcast production from BAFTA-nominated director Coky Giedroyc! The spectacular Kara Tointon delivers a "mesmerizing performance and incredible vocal talents" as Maria, the tomboyish nun who reluctantly becomes the governess for seven children living in the shadow of their stern widower father (Julian Ovenden). Along with her required duties, Maria brings love, music and excitement back into the children's lives ... and also eventually begins to have an effect on their father. But just when things are looking up, the rise of Nazism and the looming threat of war darken their future. Supported by Katherine Kelly as Baroness Elsa Schraeder and Alexander Armstrong as Max Detweiler, *The Sound of Music Live* is an enchanting experience that will remain with you long after the last curtain call. Since this show debuted on Broadway in 1959, its music has etched in our minds the classic and unforgettable songs as, "The

Sound of Music," "Edelweiss," "Sixteen Going on Seventeen" and "My Favorite Things."

**GLASTONBURY FAYRE: 1971  
- THE TRUE SPIRIT OF  
GLASTONBURY (Blu-ray)**  
**MVDvisual + Odeon Ent.**

In the summer of 1971, the Glastonbury legend was born when the organizers decided to try and create a festival that would be a forerunner for an 'alternative and utopian society.' The festival encompassed Midsummer's Day, and in true medieval tradition, the area of Worthy Farm, Pilton was given over to music, dance, poetry, theatre, spontaneous entertainment and nudity. Aspiring director Nic Roeg took his film crew to the second Glastonbury festival and recorded the people, the music and their summer of love. The music of Terry Reid, Family, Melanie, Fairport Convention, Traffic, Linda Lewis and Arthur Brown are part of the legend of *Glastonbury Fayre*, but the real stars of this film are the festival goers, organizers Arabella Churchill and Andrew Kerr, and the first appearance of the pyramid stage. Unseen for over thirty years since its cinema release, *Glastonbury Fayre* has been digitally restored to create a unique record of a visionary music festival by one of Britain's greatest film directors.

**MEMORIES OF ME  
(Blu-ray)**

**MVD Marquee Collection**

Billy Crystal and Alan King will keep you in stitches in director Henry Winkler's heartwarming comedy about a feuding father and son who discover that love is a family trait. Roger Ebert of *Siskel & Ebert* considered the script for *Memories of Me*, by Crystal and Oscar-winner Eric Roth, to be well written, well directed, smart and tender. They say, like father, like son, but for Abe (King) and Abbie (Crystal) Polin, nothing could be further from the truth. Abe is king of the Hollywood extras. As an actor he's an expert at being a face in the crowd. His son Abbie is a respected New York heart surgeon who's always felt like a bit player in his father's life. When Abbie suffers a mild heart attack, he decides it's time to mend family ties ... or break them altogether. So he heads out to Hollywood, where his efforts at reconciliation lead to hilarious consequences.

**TOPPER RETURNS  
(Blu-ray)**

**MVDvisual + VCI Ent.**

Cosmo Topper (Roland Young) is the man who knows the ways of spooks better than anyone, is up to his moustache in mystery. When a beautiful heiress-to-be (Joan Blondell) becomes the target of an unknown killer, things start jumping. Topper tries to find her killer in an eerie old house, filled with trap doors, secret passages and plenty of eccentric characters. Topper soon finds himself as "Suspect # 1," but with the help of his ghostly collaborator, he tries to unmask the real killer. This was the last film (1941) in the hilarious *Topper* series which began in the late 1930s based on Thome Smith's famous characters.



The Ogunquit Playhouse Announces the Cast and Creative Team  
for the Holiday Production of  
**ELF THE MUSICAL**  
at the Musical Hall

The Music Hall and the Ogunquit Playhouse are thrilled to announce the cast and creative team of *Elf The Musical*, on stage November 28<sup>th</sup> – December 16<sup>th</sup> at The Music Hall in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Based on the beloved film, *Elf The Musical* is the hilarious tale of Buddy, a young orphan child who mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported back to the North Pole and raised as one of Santa's elves. Eventually Buddy's enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to embark on a journey to New York City to find his birth father, discover his true identity, and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.

The Ogunquit Playhouse production is helmed by Broadway director/choreographer Connor Gallagher and features an all-new set designed exclusively for the Ogunquit production at The Music Hall by acclaimed scenic designer Jason Sherwood. Leading the professional cast are New York and Broadway veterans Steven Booth as Buddy the Elf, Diana Huey as Jovie, Jen Cody as Deb, Lothair Eaton as the Macy's Manager, Annie Edgerton as Emily Hobbs, Blake Hammond as Santa, Philip Paul Kelly as Mr. Greenway, and Christopher Russo as Walter Hobbs. The role of Michael will be played by Calvin Middleton.

**Steven Booth** stars as Buddy. Mr. Booth recently starred as Charlie in the first National Tour of *Kinky Boots*, and as Richie in the first National Tour of *Happy Days*. On Broadway he has performed in *School of Rock*, *Glory Days*, and *Avenue Q*, and for regional theatres has performed in the Signature Theatre's production of *Glory Days*, *Avenue Q* at the Wynn Las Vegas Theatre, Capitol Repertory's *Edges*, North Shore Music Theatre's *Three Musketeers*, and Coeur d'Alene Summer Theatre's *Pippin*.

**Diana Huey** co-stars as Jovie. Ms. Huey most recently starred in the first National Tour of *The Little Mermaid* as Ariel. She has performed in numerous New York and Regional productions including *Girlstar*, *Jasper in Deadland*, *James and the Giant Peach*, *Spring Awakening*, *Avenue Q*, *Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along-Blog*, *Rent*, *Mame*, and Signature Theatre's *Miss Saigon* for which she won the Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Lead Actress.

Portraying Deb is **Jen Cody**. Ms. Cody has starred in numerous Broadway productions including *A Christmas Story*, *Shrek*, *Pajama Game*, *Taboo*, *Urinetown the Musical*, *Seussical the Musical*, *Disney's Beauty and the*



*Beast*, *Grease*, and *CATS*. Off-Broadway her credits include *Cleopatra*, *The Wild Party*, *Judith of Bethulia*, and *Henry and Mudge*. In film her voice can be heard in many animated films, including her Annie Award-winning role as Charlotte La Bouff in Disney's *The Princess and the Frog*. On television she has performed in CBS's *Instinct*, *Bull*, *Unforgettable*, and *Blue Bloods*, and provided voiceover work for *Shrek Live*, *American Dad*, *Phineas and Ferb*, and *Mickey and the Roadster Racers* among many others. Ms. Cody was last seen on the Ogunquit Playhouse stage in 2012's *Damn Yankees*, 2009's *All Shook Up*, 2006's *Cinderella*, and was the Choreographer for the 2016 and 2015 smash-hit *Million Dollar Quartet*.

**Lothair Eaton** joins the cast as the Macy's Manager. Off-Broadway Mr. Eaton starred in the original company of *Nunsense A-Men*, and in the UK Tour of *5 Guys Named Moe*. In Regional theatres he has starred in *Trav'lin 1930's Harlem Musical*, *When Pigs Fly*, *Sunday In The Park With George*, and *Show Boat*. Additionally, he starred as Papa the Old Steam Train in the Germany, Las Vegas, New Zealand and UK Tour of *Starlight Express*.

Portraying Emily Hobbs is **Annie Edgerton**. Ms. Edgerton has starred as Rosie in *Mamma Mia!* on Broadway as well as in the first two National Tours. She has also performed on Broadway in *Kinky Boots*, and in numerous Regional and Off-Broadway productions including *Fly Me to the Moon*, *Comedy of Errors*, *King Lear*, *Les Miserables*, *Legally Blonde*, *Babes in Toyland*, *Showboat*, and *Betrayal*, among others.

**Blake Hammond** joins the cast of *Elf The Musical* as Santa. On Broadway he has performed in numerous productions including *Sister Act*, *Elf The Musical*, *Billy Elliot*, *Disney's The Lion King*, *Hairspray*, *The Music Man*, *Kiss Me Kate*, and *On the Town*, and Off-Broadway in *When Pigs Fly*, *Carnival*, and *Do Re Mi*. Mr. Hammond has also starred in the National Tours of *Something Rotten*, *Cinderella*, *The Addams Family*, and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Mr. Hammond was most recently seen on the Ogunquit Playhouse stage as Harry in 2018's *Grumpy Old Men the Musical*. Additionally he has performed at the Playhouse in 2015's *Sister Act* and 2009's *Guys and Dolls*.

The Music Hall is located at 28 Chestnut Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801. For tickets visit <http://www.themusichall.org>

The time has come, the walrus said,  
**TO TALK OF MANY THINGS**  
of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarattani

**SALESIAN COMMUNITY  
PASTA DINNER**

As I put this column together, I am going to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Pasta Dinner tonight in support of all the programs at the Club. I am sure it will turn out as a special family night. I never miss this fundraiser. More on the Pasta Night in next week's paper

**PLASTIC BAG BAN  
NO BIG DEAL**

I can't believe all the controversy over the incoming plastic bag ban that will be enacted on December 14<sup>th</sup>. *The Boston Herald* had editorialized against the ban once again. The Retailers Association of Massachusetts calls the ban "not pro-consumer." PALEZE!

The sky ain't gonna fall when shoppers go shopping. As Gloria Gainer once sang, "I (you and me) will survive."

About five years back, on a trip to Austin, I found out they have a plastic bag ban and it is business as usual for merchants, supermarkets and shoppers. I shop with bags I carry in my car all the time. If I forget a bag, sturdy bags are for sale for a quarter. Pure over-reaction!

**EAST BOSTON SHINES AT  
BOSTON SENIORITY  
MAGAZINE**

As I browsed through the November issue of *Boston Seniority*, I came upon photos of Raffaella Pizzi and Adeline Carino talking about how great

it is to live in Boston. I am still wondering why the magazine needed to tell everyone reading the piece how old all those making comments were. Remember age is just a number.

**DAVID SONDRAS  
MEMOIRS**

Recently I read that former City Councilor David Sondras just released his memoir. It chronicles his years on the council back in the early '80s. God almighty has it really been that long? It was a great reality show in the Council Chambers when Sondras and Dapper O'Neil did battle with each other over something or another. They were not two peas in anyone's pod. I miss that kind of action.