

Absolute Reviews

DVD REVIEWS

LIVE FEED

Plotdigger Films/Creepy Six films
Morningstar Entertainment

This marks the directorial debut of RYAN NICHOLSON, originally from Victoria, yet more recently known for work out of his FX company FLESH AND FANTASY on such titles as MILLENIUM, DAVINCI'S INQUEST and the FINAL DESTINATION SERIES.

This mutha is not for beginners of the genre, with Mr. Nicholson laying on the torture and the gore in the fuckin' truckloads! A group of co-eds travel to China and stumble upon a run-down sex theatre (the VENUS in VANU), which lands them at the hands of a sadistic Asian crime family. Horrible things happen to our helpless friends, a girl has a glass tube rammed down her throat and a snake is inserted into it, her mouth is then stapled shut.

Meanwhile her friend is being force-fed her lover's severed penis on a tray. Good times! This fucker uses elements from old school mad slashers, Asian gangster, Japanese gornography and then some... coming up with a variety of stabbings, beatings and a guy who gets his fuckin' head twisted right off of his neck. This is the kind of film to be expected from Canada's answer to TOM SAVINI, and next issue we will be running a full spread on RYAN NICHOLSON, where we shall torture him for information on everything from running FRONT ROW VIDEO in the 90's, pioneering horror rap, and his new film GUTTERBALLS. For now, go out and buy this and have a fun time trying to pick-out the various East Van landmarks, and keep a vomit bag within arm's reach!

-Mickey Maggot



The Queers

The Queers are Here DVD
MVD 2007

The Queers on DVD, about time. This DVD starts off kinda crappy, I cannot help but say that, I felt really ripped off when I started watching it, and even the second time round I felt like that at the beginning of it. But it does get better as it goes, much better. The problem with the beginning of it is it is misleading, on the back of the case the tracks are listed, and was under the impression that I



was going to see full concert footage of each track. And when the first couple tracks were wasted on the intro, and I didn't get to see anyone actually playing them, I felt kind of mad. Then the band gets into an argument with some fan and cannot find the security and stop playing on one of the next tracks, and then there is a music video, I just about turned the damn thing off. But I let it play, and as it goes on, there is some pretty cool interview footage with Joe Queer (you even get to

watch him contradict himself on the subject of NOFX) and there is a lot of cool live footage of the band over the years. Some of footage is good quality video and some isn't, but is all, with the exception of maybe one track, at least decent quality. The DVD does its best to span the whole career of the band. Though only stretching back to the 1990s when the band truly came together, it does have footage of Wimpy Rutherford, the original singer from the 1980s, and playing live with them in Italy in the more recent past. Give this DVD a chance, the footage, and music videos are great, and the interviews with Joe Queer really come full circle in the end.

- Chuck

DOLLAR DVD REVIEW

by ROBIN THOMPSON

Got a jar full of pennies at home collecting dust? Well start rolling them up, because for one hundred pennies you can get not one, but TWO feature films thanks to Eastwest DVD double feature collection. There's a wide variety of flicks, which are usually hard to find on video. And honestly, you've probably never heard of most of them for a reason. However, it is my sworn duty to bring you the BEST of this collection so you don't waste your hard earned dollar. You won't find this ghetto gold at your mama's boy Walmart superstore. Look in your local dumpy dollar store, or try second rate department stores. It doesn't get any cheaper than this folks!

CRUCIBLE OF HORROR/ EATEN ALIVE DOUBLE FEATURE DVD

There's a lot of cheesy thriller and horror double DVD's, and it's easy to bypass the good ones. This one in particular I had to go back for once I realized I missed it the first time. I overlooked it because the first film on this disc looks like a real stinker. There's something to be said about intuition because CRUCIBLE OF HORROR sucks the balls off a Tijuana donkey. This supposed horror film is a disguised British thriller, and might be perfect for tea time. The back of the DVD package says the film is rated R, but the front reveals a PG rating. That's because absolutely nothing graphic or horrific happens in this movie. Micheal Gough (Alfred from the Batman flicks) stars as a rich n' snotty father that abuses his wife and daughter. They decide they've had enough and plot to murder him. While domineering daddy is away on a hunting expedition, the girls surprise



and poison him (horrifying!). Their newfound freedom does not last long, as the body of their dead dad goes missing. Soon it's not understood if he is dead, alive, or a g-g-ghost! You'll just have to wait for the lackluster shock ending, which doesn't make a lick of sense. The 'suspense' of the film is made up of weird, psychedelic dream sequences, which read more like a bullshit student art project and have no proper place in the film. If you like plot twists, graphic violence, special effects, and nudity...this is not the film for you.

EATEN ALIVE is the REAL reason why this DVD is a must have! Directed by Tobe Hooper (Texas Chainsaw Massacre), this lil' gem has somehow slipped under the radar. Much like Texas Chainsaw, the movie makes you very uncomfortable with it's despicable characters in an American backwards small town. The film opens with a young Robert Englund (Freddy Krueger) unzipping his pants saying "My name is Buck, and I like to fuck". He tries to screw a prostitute in a very uncomfortable place (NOT the back seat of a Volkswagen). She freaks out, flees the brothel, and moves into a hotel by the swamp. A deranged hotel owner has a 'thing' for young women, and likes to kill patrons of his hotel. Once they are done in, he feeds the remains to a giant pet crocodile from the swamp. However, the prostitute's family and the town police come looking for her, and start snooping around the hotel. The pressure makes the homicidal killer go berserk, and the hotel becomes a bloody smorgasboard for maniacs and crocodiles alike. Neville Brand plays the killer (with a wooden leg no less). This guy's a real creep who mumbles to himself, plays with a mannequin, and never stops listening to twangy country music. He does a good job of going over the deep end and becomes more incoherent and maniacal throughout the film. The croc looks a little fake, but Tobe Hooper films it in such a way where you don't mind so much. This film has enough violence and nudity to keep you glued to your television, even if the characters are so creepy that it's hard to watch. I would have been happy to have paid ten bucks for Eaten Alive on DVD. Luckily, all I had to do was shell out four quarters!

Book Review -

The Complete Trailer Park Boys

How to enjoy the Trailer Park Boys when your cable is out

The Official Sunnyvale Fan Guide

By Ryan Dyer

Not a moment too soon, if your cable is indeed out, and if you know how to basically read (there are lots of pictures to look at if that is a problem when buying this), then you are going to want this cohesive guide to everything Trailer Park Boys related.

Think of it as a player's manual for a video game of BBQ and shopping cart stealing, if you missed something during your first run of playing the game, it is bound to be in



Julian is next, with the guide concentrating heavily on his sexy style, putting him on fake magazine covers in the sexiest, tightest black t shirt the stylists could afford, with subheadings like "Julian, is he TOO Sexy? Not according to Jim Lahey". Also talked about is the importance of black to Julian's sexy aura, detailing every nuance of his ensemble, down to his drink and ice cubes which never melt.

The Cory and Trevor area has many lists degrading who Ricky calls Simple and Garfuckle, like "Ten Things/People Smarter Than Cory And Trevor" (bits of string makes number 2), "Ten Things/People That Get More Respect Than Cory And Trevor", (De-alcoholized beer at number 5! A little harsh), and their most degrading moment in the series so far, Ricky forcibly packing Cory and Trevor into a not so big courier shipping box to act as drug mules.

Ray's section has piss jugs :dos and don'ts, Bubbles has a shopping cart production cycle, and J-Roc's has photo samples for his CD cover, but the best part of the guide comes next, with the episode section.

If you have seen every Trailer Park Boys episode, this section will provide some good nostalgia or even unearth quotes and plot points even the dressed all over fan may have forgotten. Each

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