



### THE X TRILOGY - X + PEARL + MAXXXINE (HD/Blu-ray) A24

Written, directed and produced by Ti West, these American horror films are packaged as one, 3-Disc Collector's Edition Box Set of X Trilogy: X, Pearl, and MaXXXine available in Blu-ray and 4K UHD formats, marking the first physical release of X and Pearl on 4K UHD in the US. The box set includes a 64-page booklet with a new essay by Jon Dieringer, unreleased concept art, costume sketches, behind-the-scenes photography, original poster and VHS artwork created as set dressing for the films, and more, alongside over 90 minutes of making-of featurettes and new commentary tracks on all three films. Packaging features a blood-red printed plastic sleeve around a rigid slipcase containing a custom photo-collage 3-disc digibook.

### 7 SINS (DVD) INDIEPIX

7 SINS is a searing, subversive horror anthology that reimagines the seven deadly sins through seven twisted visions from some of underground cinema's boldest voices. Each segment explores a sin not by doctrine, but through raw, human impulse creating a portrait of desire, despair, and decay. The nightmare begins with WRATH, where a jogger's barely contained rage explodes in Dario Almerighi's harrowing opener. Sam Mason-Bell's haunting ENVY follows a couple lured into a tragic erotic encounter, while SLOTH, from Francesco Folletto and Elisa Carrera Fumagalli, spirals into self-harm. Michael J. Epstein's PRIDE tackles religious repression and fractured identity, and LUST, by Domiziano Cristopharo, explores a disturbing AI relationship. Jason Impey's GLUTTONY riffs on grindhouse cannibal flicks, and Poison Rouge's GREED closes the anthology with a harrowing tale of sex work, debt, and damnation. Dripping in gore, laced with nudity, and steeped in sorrow, 7 SINS is more than shock for shock's sake — it's a meditation on why we fall.

### SPINAL TAP II - THE END CONTINUES (Blu-ray) Decal/Bleecker Street

Forty-one years after the release of the groundbreaking mockumentary *This Is Spinal Tap*, the now estranged bandmates David St. Hubbins, Nigel Tufnel, and Derek Smalls (Michael McKean, Christopher Guest, and Harry Shearer) are forced to reunite for one final concert. *Spinal Tap II: The End Continues* also marks the resurrection of documentarian Marty Di Bergi (Rob Reiner), who once again tries to capture his favorite metal gods as they contemplate mortality — and the hope that their 12th drummer doesn't join them in *The Great Beyond*. Joined by music royalty Paul McCartney and Elton John, Spinal Tap wrestles with their checkered past to put on a concert that they hope will solidify their place in the pantheon of rock 'n' roll. Directed by Rob Reiner, the film stars Christopher Guest, Michael McKean, Harry Shearer, Fran Drescher, Paul Shaffer,

Elton John, Paul McCartney, Questlove, and Chris Addison.

**TOM CRUISE - MISSION IMPOSSIBLE: THE FINAL RECKONING - (4K Ultra HD/Blu-ray/Digital) Paramount Pictures**  
The *Final Reckoning* captures every last detail of Ethan Hunt's (Tom Cruise) death-defying feats. After escaping a calamitous train crash, Ethan realizes The Entity is stashed aboard an old Russian submarine, but a foe from his past named Gabriel is also on the trail. Packed with bright images that jump out at you. The dynamic scenes are heavy with exciting sounds of the mind-boggling action, down to the sequences filmed under water. If you're looking for action, thrills, and Tom Cruise, you've arrived at the right place with Paramount's action-packed *The Final Reckoning*.

### SMURFS (Blu-ray) Paramount Pictures

When Papa Smurf (John Goodman) is mysteriously taken by evil wizards Razamel and Gargamel, Smurfette (Rihanna) leads the Smurfs on a mission into the real world to save him. With the help of new friends, the Smurfs must discover what defines their destiny to save the universe. *SMURFS* features an all-star voice cast including Rihanna, James Corden, Nick Offerman, JP Karliak, Daniel Levy, Army Sedaris, Natasha Lyonne, Sandra Oh, Octavia Spencer, Nick Kroll, Hannah Waddingham, Alex Winter, Maya Erskine, Billie Lourd, Xolo Maridueña, Marshmello, with Kurt Russell and John Goodman. Also featuring new music video... "Friend of Mine" by Rihanna.

### AEON FLUX (Blu-ray Steelbook) Paramount Pictures

The gripping, action-packed thriller, *Aeon Flux*, is based on the groundbreaking MTV animated series, and comes to 4K Ultra HD for its 20th Anniversary in this limited-edition Blu-ray SteelBook. Charlize Theron stars as the titular underground operative, fighting against totalitarian rule in 25th-century Earth's last living city. She's the best hope of overthrowing the oppressively sterile, "perfect" society. But while on assignment to gun down the government's leader, she uncovers a web of startling secrets that could completely change the world. Co-starring Jonny Lee Miller, Sophie Okonedo and Frances McDormand.

### #SHAKESPEARES STORM (4K Ultra HD/Blu-ray) Troma Films

Mad scientist Prospero runs away with his blind daughter Miranda to Tromaville, hiding from evil pharmaceutical execs, including his own sister Antoinette, who ruined his career after he found the cure against opioid addiction. With the help of a handicapped crack-whore, he releases a massive amount of laxative to whales, while his enemies are on a cruise ship to North Korea. A humongous feces storm washes the boat away and brings them to Tromaville. Prospero can now fully realize his ultimate vengeance.

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 Giarratani

### SAVE THIS DATE - NOVEMBER 18

The East Boston Chamber of Commerce presents East Boston Marketplace on Tuesday, November 18 at the ICA Watershed from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Please RSVP by November 12, 617-590-3982.

### SALESIANS 19TH ANNUAL PASTA NIGHT

The 19th annual Salesian Boys & Girls Club Pasta Dinner will be held on Friday, Nov. 21 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. For more details, call Anita at 617-567-0863.

### SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS FAIR

This year's annual Christmas Fair at Sacred Heart Parish in East Boston will be held on November 22 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

### THE NEXT SACRED HEART COMMUNITY DINNER

The next Sacred Heart community dinner in East Boston will be held next Wednesday, November 12 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. It is always free and open to the community. Stop by and enjoy yourself with all your neighbors who have come to enjoy this gathering in the lower church hall.

### DANNY LUBERTO

### RETURNING TO KOWLOONS

Kowloon's presents Luberto at an indoor concert November 14, 8:00-11:00 p.m. For more info, call 781-289-8100 or 781-233-0077 or stop by Luberto's on Broadway in Revere.

### ALL-SAINTS WAY CEREMONY



Father Michael Della Penna speaking at the dedication



Sal G., with Katherine Cooke a Post-Gazette reader

I attended the All-Saints Way ceremony on Battery Street this past Saturday afternoon when a large crowd gathered in memory of Peter Baldassari. For many years Peter was the gatekeeping and custodian of this beautiful alley of saints. Over time it became a popular tourist stop too. Father Michael Della Penna blessed the alley and the assembled crowd at the dedication of All Saints Way and Peter for his dedication to the saints and his Catholic faith.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO NORTH END HISTORICAL SOCIETY (NEHS) BOARD MEMBER DR. JESSICA DELLO RUSSO ON THE PUBLICATION OF HER BOOK, A JEWISH ARCHAEOLOGY



The Christian Discovery of Jewish Catacombs in Rome (Jewish Studies — Brill Publishing, 2025). A North End kid discovering unpublished evidence of ancient Jews in Italy — that's quite a story.

Book preview at: [https://brill.com/display/title/63885?fbclid=IwY2xjawluPz5leHRuA2FibQIxmAAABHc6ZBM3Mb5a-Z85glJsET3Y7kDKmhs9OtKiBxqb\\_16-XlydXgX7Y3o9uyQ\\_aem\\_W3nsqQ](https://brill.com/display/title/63885?fbclid=IwY2xjawluPz5leHRuA2FibQIxmAAABHc6ZBM3Mb5a-Z85glJsET3Y7kDKmhs9OtKiBxqb_16-XlydXgX7Y3o9uyQ_aem_W3nsqQ)

### THE BURGER KING GANG IS NOW BACK HOME AT THE NEWLY RENOVATED BURGER KING IN ORIENT HEIGHTS, EAST BOSTON, WHICH REOPENED ON OCTOBER 17



(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

The library crew over at the East Boston branch library is the best. Here is my friend Elena Rios who dressed up for Halloween at work. She told me, she was just clowning around.



## Saint Agnellus of Pisa

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Agnellus was born in Pisa in 1195 of the prominent Agnelli family. In 1212, during a visit to Pisa by Saint Francis, he received Agnellus into the Franciscan Order.

Francis sent Agnellus to Paris, where he built a friary and became Guardian. He then returned to Italy, and was present at the "Chapter of Mats." Agnellus was then sent to establish the Order in England.

On September 10, 1224, Agnellus and his party of eight friars, landed at Dover. They were received by the Benedictine monks of Fécamp Abbey, who kindly paid their way. When they arrived at Canterbury, they were hospitably received by the Dominicans, a mendicant order that had already arrived in England in 1221 and established a friary in the town. On the way to Oxford, they found



shelter in a barn belonging to the Benedictines of Abingdon Abbey, who at first thought they were a band of ragged minstrels.

At Oxford, King Henry III gave them land on which to build a friary. Agnellus established a school for the friars at Oxford, and asked Robert Grosseteste to serve as lector in theology to the Franciscans, a position he held from about 1229 to 1235. The English Franciscan Order subsequently played a large role in the establishment of the University of Oxford.

Agnellus became known for his humble piety and prudence. In 1234, he was part of a delegation representing the English bishops at the Roman Curia. By the time of his death, there were forty-three friaries established in the English Province. Agnellus passed away after a brief illness, on May 7, 1236. His remains were buried at Oxford. The Feast day of Saint Agnellus of Pisa is March 13.