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Noteworthy DVDs released 6/16/09

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TOP PICKS

"The Diary of Anne Frank" (Fox): The grade-school literary fave got a '50s movie adaptation courtesy of director George Stevens, who was then fresh from "Shane" and "Giant."

"The Seventh Seal," "Bergman Island" (Criterion): Criterion reissues one of the first titles they put on DVD, with both a two-disc standard DVD and a very welcome Blu-ray; "Island," a recent doc, is available packaged with the reissue or as a standalone disc.

"Strange One" (Sony): The feature-film debut of Ben Gazzara, set in a military school, is remembered for homosexual overtones considered quite daring in 1957.

"My Breakfast with Blassie" (MVD): Beating Criterion's "My Dinner With André" into stores by a week, this cult favorite finds Andy Kaufman hanging out in a diner with pro wrestler Classy Freddie Blassie. No Algonquin references here, folks, but plenty of bizarro energy.

"Scott Walker: 30th Century Man" (Oscilloscope): One of pop music's great mysterious introverts gets his documentary due.

NEW ON BLU-RAY

"Dr. Strangelove," Ghostbusters" (Sony); "Generation Kill," "John Adams" (HBO); "The Greatest Game Ever Played," "Lost" Seasons 1 and 2, "Miracle" (Walt Disney); "Kickboxer" (Lions Gate); "Spaceballs" (MGM); Three "Visions of..." titles, focused on France, Italy and the British Isles (Acorn Media)

FRESH FROM THE MULTIPLEX

"Tyler Perry's Madea Goes To Jail" (Lions Gate); "What Goes Up" (Sony)

ARTHOUSE/FOREIGN

"L'Important C'Est D'Aimer" (Mondo Vision)

DOCUMENTARIES

"Morning Light" (Walt Disney); "Nerdcore Rising" (Virgil Films)

BEST OF TV

"Burn Notice" Season 2, "Family Guy" Season 7, "Saving Grace" Season 2 (Fox); "Everwood" Season 2, "Tom and Jerry's Greatest Chases, Vol. 2" (Warner Bros.); "House of Payne" Season 4 (Lions Gate); Four "Nature" titles: "America," "Kilauea - Mountain of Fire," "The Dragon Chronicles," "The Wolf That Changed America" (Questar); "The Secret Life of the American Teenager" Season 2 (Walt Disney); "The Three Stooges Collection" (1949-1951) (Sony); "Transformers" Season 1 (Shout! Factory)

REISSUE/REPACKAGE

"Essential Art House Vol. 3" (Criterion); Four "Friday the 13th" flicks, including "A New Beginning," "Jason Lives," "The Final Chapter," and this year's remake.

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