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MOVIE	STARS	LOCATION	TOPICS DISCUSSED	MEMORABLE LINES	FOOD	WHAT IT PROVES
MY DINNER WITH ANDRÉ	Wallace Shawn and André Gregory	Richard, Tex., as a suburb of Manhattan's City of Artists	Shawn's role in the movie; Gregory's role in the movie; Shawn's role in the movie; Gregory's role in the movie	"The problem of my name is that I'm not a name." (Shawn) "You are not a name." (Gregory)	Great. Great. Great.	Being a star does not automatically make you a star.
MY BREAKFAST WITH BLASSIE	Andy Kaufman and Fred Blassie	A diner in New York City	Blassie vs. Kaufman. The joy of drinking and the joy of drinking and the joy of drinking.	"The life of a part-time wrestler is so happy and so..." (Blassie) "You never saw a program that got better." (Blassie)	Great. Great. Great.	Whether the real or the fake, it's still a great movie.
MY DINNER WITH JIMI	Howard Kaylan and Jimi Hendrix	London, Sept. 1967	Hendrix's performance at the time; Kaylan's performance at the time; Hendrix's performance at the time.	"I wish I could have been there." (Kaylan) "I wish I could have been there." (Hendrix)	Great. Great. Great.	Don't drink too much. Don't drink too much. Don't drink too much.

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"My Dinner with André," a feature-length conversation between actor/playwright Wallace Shawn and theater director André Gregory, became an indie film sensation back in 1981, inspiring a slew of imitators. By coincidence, two of them are being released on DVD at almost exactly the same time as the original's Criterion Collection edition, out June 23. On Tuesday, we get "My Breakfast With Blassie," comedy provocateur Andy Kaufman's 1983 conversation with "pencil-necked geek" wrestler Fred Blassie. A week later comes "My Dinner with Jimi," a new depiction of the Turtles' 1967 trip to England, during which lead singer Howard Kaylan (the film's screenwriter) found himself in an impromptu conversation with Jimi Hendrix. If eavesdropping on chit-chat is your idea of a fun night, this is your week.

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