



**THE TRUMAN SHOW**  
(4K Ultra HD/Blu-ray/Digital)  
Paramount Home Ent.

Director Peter Weir's cinematic triumph *The Truman Show* celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and Paramount Home Entertainment is marking the occasion by releasing a newly remastered version of the beloved classic. Starring Jim Carrey, *The Truman Show* was a box office and critical success, nominated for three Academy Awards — Best Director (Weir), Best Supporting Actor (Ed Harris), and Best Original Screenplay (Andrew Niccol), this gem is both wildly entertaining and a complex exploration of media consumption, surveillance, and reality TV that was ahead of its time and even more relevant today. Carrey stars as Truman Burbank, a man whose life is a nonstop TV show. Truman doesn't realize that his quaint hometown is a giant studio set run by a visionary creator (Harris), that folks living and working there are Hollywood actors, and that even his incessantly bubbly wife (Laura Linney) is a contract player. Gradually, Truman gets wise, and his response leaves viewers laughing, crying, and cheering like few films ever have.

**IN THE ARMS OF MORPHEUS**

(DVD) IndiePix Films  
Let this documentary, *In The Arms Of Morpheus*, take you to a place where rational laws do not apply, in a compelling journey into the world of sleep. Sleep: simple in its basic description, elusive in its attempts at a comprehensive understanding of all its manifestations. What happens behind closed eyes when we lose consciousness and give ourselves over to dreams? And how is our perception of reality changed when the line between waking and sleeping is blurred? *In The Arms Of Morpheus*, this documentary from Dutch director Marc Schmidt, introduces viewers to several individuals suffering from sleep disorders. He unobtrusively helps us see and feel what it's like to suffer from insomnia and be trapped between dream and reality. When sleep ceases to be an automatic part of life, we find new ways of looking at our existence in this feature-length doc called "powerful and unsettling."

**STOOGE-O-RAMA:  
THE MEN BEHIND THE  
MAYHEM AND EVEN  
MORE MAYHEM**

(Blu-ray) Kit Parker Films  
The Three Stooges have been entertaining fans with their riotous brand of eye gouging, face slapping, and head bopping insanity for nearly 100 years! Now, Cinemuseum LLC and Kit Parker Films offer fans of the Amalgamated Morons a chance to revisit the Golden Age of Stoogery with this new 3-Disc collection of archival rarities. Whether you're a lifelong Stoogeophile, or just a casual knucklehead, you are sure to find something to love about this comprehensive tribute to America's most beloved madcaps: Moe, Larry, Curly, Shemp, Joe, and Curly Joe — The Three

Stooges! Over 8 hours of material, including unreleased outtakes, color home movies, rare television appearances and commercials, theatrical trailers, unseen archival interview footage, forgotten audio recordings from live stooge appearances, family photo galleries, and much more new-to-home-video fun!

**ARE YOU LONESOME  
TONIGHT?**

(DVD) Film Movement  
One dark night, AC repairman Wang Xueming hits a pedestrian with his van, panics and flees the scene. Tormented by the accident and desperate to escape his feelings of guilt, he approaches the widow, Mrs. Liang and strikes up a relationship. Meanwhile, her husband's body is discovered — riddled with bullets. Though he's determined to piece together the complete events of that fateful night, a shadowy killer who spotted his van at the site of the hit-and-run is also stalking Wang. To complicate matters further, the detective in charge of the investigation, Chen, becomes obsessed with the case. Years later, the trio remain trapped in a tangled web of memories and lies, desperately searching for a truth that refuses to be revealed. Unveiled through a mix of memory, flashback and narration, Director Wen Shipai makes an impressive debut with this short neo-noir thriller set in Guangzhou in the 1990s.

**McBAIN**

(Blu-ray) Synapse Films  
The drug lords have the power, the money, the connections ... They didn't count on ... McBain. When prisoner of war Robert McBain (Academy Award winner Christopher Walken) is rescued in the jungles of North Vietnam by a group of Rangers, he expresses his thanks and gratitude. The leader of the Rangers, Santos (Chick Vennera), takes out a \$100 bill, tears it in two, gives half to McBain and says, "If the other half of this bill ever finds you, you can pay me back." Eighteen years later, Santos is killed in Colombia while leading a fight against drug lords and corrupt politicians. His sister, Christina (Maria Conchita Alonso) goes to New York with the other half of the bill and seeks out McBain to enlist his help in overthrowing the Colombian regime. With the surviving ex-Rangers from his Vietnam rescue, including Michael Ironside and Steve James, McBain's team travels to Colombia to break the power of the drug lords and avenge Santos' death.

**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**  
(DVD) Film Movement

After serving as a model employee at cleaning supplies ECOCleanPro for nearly 17 years, Inés (Jasmina Douleb) knows she is long overdue for a raise. When she finally confronts her incompetent and misogynistic boss, he cruelly rejects the request while making a lecherous pass at her. New intern Melody witnesses the incident and jumps in to help Inés, but in the process, both women suddenly and unexpectedly find themselves with blood on their hands.

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

**ZUMIX  
SUMMER CONCERT  
SERIES**

The Summer Concert Series hosted by ZUMIX returns to Piers Park starting this coming Sunday, July 9 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The opening act for these summer concerts will be DONT BE DENIED. If you like good 80s music, this is your band. Piers Park is the place to be for the eight Sundays of the Summer of '23.

**GENTLE YOGA  
CLASSES**

Christopher Columbus Park across from the Trellis, every Tuesday through September 19 from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. To register, contact Renee Frechette at 617-635-4168. Make this the summer you age strong.

**ARE YOU TIRED OF  
LIVING IN A  
VIRTUAL WORLD?**

Two weeks ago, I picked up a copy of a *Boston Weekly* newspaper. The front page had three stories. All of these news stories concerned what appeared to be important and worthy of attending. All three were virtual hearings of meetings. It was one thing during the pandemic to go virtual, but how long is this virtual world going to continue? At some point, we all need to get back to normal, but why all this resistance? It is time to gather together in the REAL not virtual world. I have no problem with giving folks a ZOOM choice, but more always

*Celebrating 65 Years of*  
**MOTOWN**

Back on Sunday, June 18, I was over at the Regent Theatre in Arlington, MA at one super Motown Revue show put on by the legendary Leon Beal, a well-known soul singer. Some call him Agent Double-O. Soul. That's how good he is.



**Drew Storm and Gilbert White**

The show went on for a couple of hours with a couple of hundred both sitting and dancing on their feet to the music blasting away from up on stage. Leon just let me know, he's returning to the Regent on November 24 for another concert near Thanksgiving Day appropriately called "Thankful for the Melodies." Show starts at 800 p.m.



**Leon Beal and Toni Lynn Washington**

gets accomplished in person that can't be done in a little square frame.

Any opinions out there on my comments? Agree? Disagree? Let me know at [sal.giarratani@gmail.com](mailto:sal.giarratani@gmail.com).

**END QUOTE**

"It is always time for the beach. Today, July 5 the temp is 84 degrees and I'm headed for Shea's Beach in Eastie to catch the rays and count the planes too."  
— Sal G.

**N.E.A.A. Fall Soccer Registration Period  
Extended to July 21, 2023**

The North End Athletic Association's Fall Soccer Program is off and running. We are excited because we now have a new N.E.A.A. website that will house all of our sports programs and registrations. The Website is <https://neaaportsboston.sportngin.com>. Currently, only the Soccer tab is being used on this site.

This years' Fall Soccer Program will run the same as past years. Our season will start on September 9, 2023.

Practices will begin on **August 29, for 6-8 year olds, and August 31 for 9-12 year olds. There will be no games on October 7, and the season will end on November 4.**

**Registration will be through our new online website listed above only.**

There will be three age groups again this year:

**Boys and Girls COED - 4-5:** Instructional Program: Saturday mornings 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**Boys and Girls COED - 6-8 Year Olds Games:** Saturday 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Practices: Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. **Please note there are only 12 spots left in this age group.**

**Boys and Girls COED - 9-12 Year Olds Games:** Saturday mornings at 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Practices: Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m.

**\*Please note that all ages are as of 9/1/23\***

There will be a maximum of 8 teams per league. There will be a maximum of 9 players per team for the 4-5 and 6-8 year old programs and 12 players per team for the 9-12 year old program.

If there is a waiting list, preference will be given to returning players and their siblings, if registered and paid by no later than July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Parents interested in coaching can sign up on the site as well or contact me directly at [jromano45@gmail.com](mailto:jromano45@gmail.com), if you have not already reached out to me. Also, if you have someone who does not have a child in the program who is interested, please give them my email. All volunteers must pass a CORI check with the NEAA.

We are also looking for referees ages 14 and above, please contact me at this email as well if you have an older child

interested — they can receive community service hours for school, confirmation or other needed requirements.

The cost per player will remain at \$55 per player. Registration fee can be paid through our new website by credit card, no additional fee is charged. If you must pay by check, you MUST enter the discount code OTHER in the space for discount codes or it will not let you finish your child's registration. To pay by check, please mail a check made out to NEAA immediately after registering to the following address: NEAA, c/o John Romano, 30 North Bennett Street, Boston, MA 02113

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