



**VIKINGS: VALHALLA: THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON (Blu-ray)**  
Warner Bros. Discovery Home Ent.

From Creator/Showrunner/Executive Producer Jeb Stuart, Warner Bros. Discovery Home Entertainment brings the next chapter in the *Vikings* franchise, with the release of *Vikings: Valhalla: The Complete First Season* on Blu-ray and DVD. One hundred years have passed, and a new generation of legendary heroes has arrived to create their own destiny — and make history! All 8 gripping episodes from the first season are available for purchase online and in-store at major retailers.

*Vikings: Valhalla* chronicles the heroic adventures of some of the most famous Vikings who ever lived — the legendary explorer Leif Eriksson, his fiery and headstrong sister Freydis Eriksdotter, and the ambitious Nordic prince Harald Sigurdsson. As tensions between the Vikings and the English royals reach a bloody breaking point and as the Vikings themselves clash over their conflicting Christian and pagan beliefs, these three Vikings begin an epic journey that will take them across oceans and through battlefields, from Kattegat to England and beyond, as they fight for survival and glory. *Vikings: Valhalla* stars Sam Corlett as Leif Eriksson, Frida Gustavsson as Freydis Eriksdotter, Leo Suter as Harald Sigurdsson, and Bradley Fregard as King Canute. Other cast members include Jóhannes Jóhannsson as Olaf Haraldson, Laura Berlin as Emma of Normandy, David Oakes as Earl Godwin, Caroline Henderson as Jarl Haakon, Pollyanna McIntosh as Queen Ælfgifu, and Asbjørn Krogh Nissen as Jarl Kåre. Jeb Stuart, Michael Hirst, Morgan O'Sullivan, James Flynn, Sherry Marsh, Alan Gasmer. The series was produced by MGM Television and originally debuted on Netflix February 25, 2022, and the third and final season arrived on July 11, 2024.

**BLUE DESERT (DVD)**  
INDIEPIX Films

In a future seemingly devoid of memory where humanity has lost its purpose, a young man named Ele guided by intuitions and dreams, goes off in search of the meaning of life and existence. Revelations and symbols set him on a path of enlightenment, leading to enigmatic encounters with a prophet-like painter of the desert (Chico Diaz) and a beautiful woman named Alma (Maria Luisa Mendonça) whom he soon realizes is his soulmate. With plot points based on Yoko Ono's first art book, "Grapefruit" (which inspired John Lennon to pen "Imagine"), BLUE DESERT, a visually stunning sci-fi tale, set in the distant future against the bold architecture of futurist Oscar Niemeyer's Brasília, offers a dreamy take on new age spirituality and the physical realm.

**THE PROFANE EXHIBIT (Blu-ray) Unearthed Films**  
The *Profane Exhibit* is a collection of ten tales of unflinch-

ing horror directed by genre greats Nacho Vigalondo (*Colossal*), Anthony DiBlasi (*Malum*), Ryan Nicholson (*Gutterballs*), Michael Todd Schneider (*August Underground: Mordum*), Sergio Stivaletti (*Demons*), Mariam Dora (*Cannibal*), Yoshihiro Mikshimura (*Tokyo Gore Police*), Uwe Boll (*Postal*), Ruggero Deodato (*Cannibal Holocaust*), and Jeremy Kasten (*The Wizard of Gore*). Cited as "the biggest cult film ever" by *Bizarre Magazine*, *The Profane Exhibit* caused quite a stir when it premiered at the Brussels International Fantastic Film Festival in 2014. The Blu-ray Exclusive Special Features include audio commentaries, interviews, a mini documentary, behind-the-scenes footage, a photo gallery, and trailers.

**THE SHADOW BOXING (Blu-ray) 88 Films**

From the legendary Lau Kar-leung comes one of his finest — and wildest — rides, following a pair of very special undertakers who transport dead bodies by magical means. But their latest trip is proving tricky; it's bad enough that a strong-willed young woman has invited herself along for the ride but, even more awkwardly, one of the corpses might not actually be dead ... Pretty much inventing the kung fu horror-comedy, and a huge influence on later films like *Encounter of the Spooky Kind* and *Mr. Vampire*, *The Shadow Boxing* stars Gordon Kill Bill Liu and features the sort of action only the great Lau could serve up. 88 Films are delighted to unleash this Hong Kong classic on Blu-ray.

**TWO TAOIST TALES (Blu-ray) Eureka Ent.**

In the wake of *Encounter of the Spooky Kind*, the Hong Kong film industry launched headlong into a prolific genre cycle that drew upon Taoist folklore. Popular throughout the 1980s and into the next decade, these films combined elements of horror, fantasy, comedy and martial arts as they pit their protagonists against hopping vampires, vengeful ghosts and evil sorcerers. Eureka Classics is proud to present two of the most mind-bending tales of Taoist magic ever committed to film: *Taoism Drunkard* and *Young Taoism Fighter!* Directed by and starring Yuen Cheung-yun, *Taoism Drunkard* follows a man with a love for wine who accidentally damages a sacred statue. To atone for this blunder, he is asked by an enraged Taoist priest to find a virginal boy to aid in defending his temple from a demonic sorcerer. Then, in *Young Taoism Fighter* (directed by Police Story's Chen Chi-hwa), a practitioner of Taoist kung fu manages to separate his soul from his body before teaming up with a vengeful young woman to take on a sinister sorcerer and the evil leader of a rival kung fu school. Filled with imagery both fantastical and thrilling — not least *Taoism Drunkard's* banana monster — and featuring some of the most jaw-dropping inventive fight sequences in the history of martial arts cinema.

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

**EAST BOSTON OPEN-STREETS**

This coming Sunday, September 15th will celebrate the second annual Open-Streets initiative between Meridian Street and Bennington, Street between Maverick Street to Porter Street, and Porter Street to Day Square from 10:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Walk, bike, skate and enjoy activities for all ages.

**SOMETIMES JEFF KUHNER IS JUST TOO MUCH FOR ME**

I have been listening to Jeff Kuhnert on WRKO 680 AM since he first came into the Boston radio talk market. Before him, I listened to Jeff Katz. I liked Katz but quickly thought the Kuhnertman was pretty good. However, there are times when he rambles on and on about Hunter Biden, and the MassGOP. I'm thinking he likes ginning up his Kuhnert Country audience with plenty of red meat. At times between those extra-long commercials, I switch over to WJIB 740 AM for some great music with no commercials.

**SPEAKING OF WJIB**

It will soon be increasing its reach by getting permission to increase its signal power and will be heard for much longer into the day and much further reaching a bigger radio audience. The station eventually will be switched over to 720 AM because a radio station in Toronto already has a powerful signal on 740.

**DEDICATION OF THE NOBLE JOURNEY SCULPTURE**

The unveiling and dedication of the Noble Journey Sculpture will be held at St. Leonard's Peace Garden on Sunday, September 29th at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments to follow downstairs in St. Joseph Hall.

**TRUMP STORE OPENS IN QUINCY**



Trump Pop-up outlet

A Trump pop-up store has opened up in Quincy down by the Fore River Bridge rotary. Most of the merchandise was priced to sell. My new Trump baseball cap was only \$25 and is good to wear and drive liberals crazy.



Here I am holding my brand-new cool Trump cap

**EAST BOSTON "UNDER THE SEA" GALA FUNDRAISER**

The East Boston Community Soup Kitchen will be holding their annual fundraiser this Saturday from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. over at Logan at the Hyatt Regency.

**HARVEST ON VINE FUNDRAISER**

For the past several years even before the pandemic hit, I have been volunteering over at the Harvest on Vine food

distribution site in Charlestown. Tom MacDonald who runs this food pantry let me know there will be a fundraiser to be held on Sunday, September 29th at 1:00 p.m., at Brewer's Fork, right around the corner in Hayes Square. If you haven't signed up to attend, I am sure you can pay at the door. It all goes to a worthy cause.

This Saturday September 14th starting at 10:00 a.m., there will be the monthly Saturday morning food distribution. It happens every second Saturday of the month.

**GAS PRICES GOING DOWN BUT NOT FAST ENOUGH IN EASTIE**



The Neon gas station in Quincy had the cheapest price around at under \$3.00 per gallon. I got gas there as soon as I saw the price.

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

I have noticed a recent drop in gas pump prices. Over in Quincy, the price of gas is between \$2.94 per gallon up to \$3.09 per gallon. In Roslindale, the price is between \$2.94 to \$3.09 per gallon. However, the cheapest gas in East Boston is \$3.49 up to \$4.09. In Charlestown, it is \$3.99.

Why is gas so high in some places and not so high in other places? Inquiring minds want to know.



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