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Video Game Theater

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Ever wonder what Pac-Man would be like as a junky? Or the real story behind Donkey Kong and Mario's feud? Or Laura Croft's sorority years?

Now you don't have to wonder.

The creators and contributors to shows and movies like "Team America" "Crank Yankers" and "On the Road with the Ramones" bring you "Video Game Theater."

You'll recognize the puppets from "Crank Yankers" but the humor is a little more double take.

The references to the old arcade (remember arcades?) games of my youth made it easy to get all the jokes. Some knee slapping, a couple of beer gurgles and a very disturbing scene involving the knight and ostrich from Joust.

Each episode is around 5 minutes long.

Any show that can turn Pac-Man into the Great American Tragedy, and make Donkey Kong a single father just trying to do right by his son, Jr., would, I'm sure, be routinely rented off any video store shelf around here.

Other video game cameos include Frogger, Space Invaders and Q-Bert.

If you're easily offended, you might want to pass on this one, but if you want to see the video game version of "Behind the Music," you should check out Video Game Theater.


The DVD is 78 minutes and includes behind the scene videos, a "Meet the Puppets" segment and more. For more information check out www.videogametheater.com. myspace.com/videogametheater and www.uproarcomedydcd.com.

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