



The *88 Asia Collection* is a curated selection of classic Asian cinema, featuring martial arts epics, action-packed thrillers, and cult films from Hong Kong, China, Japan, and Korea and beyond. Known for restoring and releasing these cinematic treasures in high-definition formats, 88 Films ensures that each title is presented with stunning visuals and audio, often for the first time on Blu-ray or 4K. The collection includes iconic stars like Jackie Chan, Jet Li, and Michelle Yeoh, alongside legendary directors. With exclusive bonus features, insightful commentaries, and collectible packaging, the *88 Asia Collection* is a must-have for fans of classic Asian action cinema. The next three videos below are part of that collection.

FACETS OF LOVE
(Blu-ray)
88 Films

A costume drama like no other, *Facets of Love* tells the stories of the Shanghai brothel in the early years of the 20th century: of its devious owners, of the unhappy innocents that have been tricked into toiling there and of the entitled men who visit, the ordinary and the illustrious. A good deal saucier than the martial arts movies that its producers at Shaw Brothers studio are most famous for, Li Hsang-han's film is a sensual indulgence, with beautiful design and photography. There's even a small early appearance from Jackie Chan! 88 Films are proud to present the UK Blu-ray premier of this sumptuous, decadent delight.

THE KUNG FU INSTRUCTOR
(Blu-ray)
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In this bitterly divided town, there's no middle ground; you're either with one side or the other — cross the line and face dire consequences. One clan hires a kung fu master — played by the great Ti Lung — to break the stalemate, but he's nobody's servant and his loyalties can't be bought so easily ... Inspired by Kurosawa's *Yojimbo* and Sergio Leone's *A Fistful of Dollars*, *The Kung Fu Instructor* puts a slightly more cynical spin on traditional codes of honor. Stylishly directed by Sun Chung, 88 Films is proud to present the UK Blu-ray premier of this martial arts masterpiece.

KID FROM KWANGTUNG
(Blu-ray)
88 Films

From the legendary Shaw Brothers Studio, here's something a bit funnier than their usual fare: after an evil martial arts master (played by the very great Hwang Jang-li kills their own teacher, Wong Yu and Chiang Kam realize that they're next. But can the squabbling duo put their differences aside long enough to defeat him? With spirited slapstick, supernatural silliness and some jaw-dropping fights that really have to be seen to be believed, *Kid From Kwang Tung* is gravity-defying treat from the glory days of Hong Kong cinema. 88 Films are proud to unleash this classic kung fu comedy on Blu-ray.

SILENT BITE
(Blu-ray)

Cleopatra Films
A gang of bank robbers, take shelter in a motel after a Christmas Eve bank heist, unbeknown to them, they are not the most dangerous thing seeking refuge on this cold Christmas night.

BLUE CHRISTMAS
(SPECIAL EDITION)

(Blu-ray)
Paramount Home Ent
At his Christmas Eve office

party, private eye Richard Stone celebrates bribing his way out of the draft. He's a disappointment to secretary/main squeeze, Katie Crockett, whose brother Ben is fighting overseas, and his honest young employee, Joey Ernest, is guilt-ridden over the divorce-racist key-hole peeping. Just a year ago tonight, Stone's sleazy partner Jake Marley was murdered, a crime the detective didn't bother solving. After Stone is visited by an ankle-chained Jake, on leave from Purgatory, to demand that his murder be solved, three more 'visitors' arrive to "help," one at a time — the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future; Bonnie of Bonnie & Clyde infamy, a recently deceased soldier; and a strange entity who just might be the King of Rock 'n' Roll. *Blue Christmas* is a fantasy brimming with chills, humor and heart, starring Rob Merritt and Alisabeth Von Presley in this new seasonal, coon-to-be-classic.

THE CLIMATE ACCORDING TO AL AL GORE
(DVD)

Highway 61 Ent.
Director Joel Gilbert's documentary *The Climate According to Al Al Gore* on DVD, has the climate hoax issue coming front and center. The fraudulent origins of climate science are exposed in this well-researched and entertaining look at climate godfather Al Gore, through the use of "AI" technology. In his film, *An Inconvenient Truth*, former Vice President Al Gore proclaimed a "climate emergency," and became the godfather of today's worldwide climate change movement. Al Gore, who was no scientist, repeatedly claimed his Harvard professor Roger Revelle was the source of his "climate science." Director Gilbert, who worked for then US Senator Al Gore, discovers that Revelle had in fact rejected Gore's climate alarmism. Gilbert finds that the real origin of Al Gore's climate apocalypse came from his time at Vanderbilt Divinity School and demonstrates that Gore plagiarized a radical environmental book from the 1940s to produce his 1992 environmental manifesto, *Earth in the Balance*. In *The Climate According to Al Al Gore*, Gilbert confronts an AI generated "Al Gore" about his entire life history, his struggle to fulfill the political ambitions laid out for him by his parents, and his exploitation of climate politics to offset his personal insecurity. This film exposes the climate scare as nothing more than a political tool used by groups who wish to undermine free-market capitalism and impose big government socialist ideas upon unsuspecting voters.

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

REMEMBERING
J.J. JEFFRIES



J.J. Jeffries

My recent *To Talk of Many Things* found its way to John Garabedian, the new owner of WJIB 740AM in which I noted the passing of a long-ago legendary radio deejay back on old WMEX named J.J. Jeffries. Garabedian back in the day also did DJ duty on old WMEX, too. Garabedian emailed a great photo of J.J. noting it was a great photo and noted "Here is my favorite picture of J.J. Jeffries laughing heartily the way he always did."



(L-R): Ligia Noriega and Sal Giarratani. Ligia was the first Latina named as headmaster of the English High School of Boston founded in 1821, the oldest public high school in America

CAN'T WAIT FOR
SUNNY SWEENEY
TO RETURN

I enjoy good country music and often while driving to work early in the morning I put on Willie's Roadhouse Channel 61 on Sirius Radio. She has been on the road again this month over in Europe on tour and her Sunny Side Up morning show has been handled by Dallas Wayne. Not bad as a fill-in but I miss my sunny side music and can't wait until she returns to the airwaves come December.

OLD DOGS, CHILDREN,
WATERMELON WINE
AND TOM T. HALL

After recently listening to Tom T. Hall singing his 1972 hit song "Old Dogs, Children and Watermelon Wine" on my car radio the other day, I looked up his name to learn a bit more about him. He passed away in August 2021. His cause of death was listed as suicide. That definitely was a bummer to me. I always loved listening to that tune and its meaning. He was 85 years old at the time of his death.

Hopefully, he made it safely to heaven and is with plenty of old dogs and children and watermelon wine too.

NEVER FORGET
THIS ADVICE

"We need to listen more and judge less."

— Anonymous

CHEAPER GAS PRICES
ARE A-COMING



(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

I was in the Marshfield area last week and found myself smiling while filling up my gas tank at \$2.69 per gallon at the Nouria gas station at the Marshfield-Pembroke border on 139.



A 1933 Chevrolet work truck great for hauling home groceries

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)
BACK IN THE
OLD DAYS AGAIN

I sometimes shop over at the Winthrop Marketplace rather than shopping at one of those larger places. This place has what I need at a price I can afford too. It has some great meals all ready to eat, such as meatloaf, chicken, etc. That and a can of beans and you're good to go for dinner. The last time I was there, an old 1933 white Chevrolet pick-up parked right next to my car. What a great old truck it was.

TOYS FOR TOTS
WANTS YOUR HELP

Once again, the U.S. Marines Corps is sponsoring their annual Toys for Tots drive for kids who are in need of a toy filled Christmas season. Doing their part is A & L Bakery and Cafe. Shown in the photo is Tony Gnerre showing off all the toys that the bakery's customers have been dropping off for the kiddos. It is businesses like A & L that keep the Marines busy bringing smiles to children at Christmas time.



(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

Saint Marguerite d'Youville

by Bennett Molina and Richard Molinari

Born October 15, 1701 in Varennes, Canada, Marie Marguerite Dufrost de Lajemmerais had to interrupt her schooling at the age of 12 to help her widowed mother. Eight years later she married François d'Youville; they had six children, four of whom died young. Despite the fact that her husband gambled, sold liquor illegally to Native Americans, and treated her indifferently, she cared for him compassionately until his death in 1730.

Even though she was caring for two small children and running a store to help pay off her husband's debts, Marguerite still helped the poor. Once her children were grown, she and several companions rescued a Quebec hospital that was in danger of failing. She called her community the Institute of the



Sisters of Charity of Montreal; the people called them the "Grey Nuns" because of the color of their habits. In time, a proverb arose among the poor people of

Montreal, "Go to the Grey Nuns; they never refuse to serve." In time, five other religious communities traced their roots to the Grey Nuns.

The General Hospital in Montreal became known as the Hôtel Dieu (House of God) and set a standard for medical care and Christian compassion. When the hospital was destroyed by fire in 1766, Mère Marguerite knelt in the ashes, led the Te Deum — a hymn to God's providence in all circumstances — and began the rebuilding process. She fought the attempts of government officials to restrain her charity, and established the first founding home in North America. Marguerite passed away on December 23, 1771. The feast day of Saint Marguerite d'Youville is December 23rd.