

# reel deal



## IN LIVING COLOR: Season 3

**S**ure, fans of this classic sketch comedy show have made valid complaints regarding the second season release — a couple of hilarious music parody skits (Vanilla Ice, anyone?) were sorely missed/cut for no good reason — but that doesn't mean the show is any less important or funny. For those of you still riding your Jamie Foxx high or wanting a glimpse of J.Lo's Fly Girl debut, you better make sure you add this — probably the show's finest season — to your collection. Enjoy more music parodies (which will hopefully stay in-tact) and much more of your favorite reoccurring characters, as performed by the now superstar cast of actors.

This four-disc set features all 30 episodes from the third season and includes commentaries, featurettes and more.

## BATMAN AND ROBIN: The Complete 1949 Movie Serial Collection

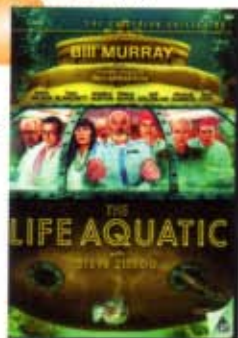
**A**s one of the darkest and most popular comic book heroes (he's not "super" — he had no powers), Batman was surely one of most constantly misrepresented figures on screen. Adam West turned the Dark Knight into a goof and Joel Schumacher later added Bat-Butt and Bat-Nipples to an already silly, metallic costume. And let's not even get started on the *Super Friends* cartoons. Fact is, this summer, Bat-Fans are expecting Christopher Nolan to hit a homerun with his serious, noir-inspired version of the Dark Knight with *Batman Begins*. Until then, enjoy more silly versions of Batman in this 2-disc, 15 episode collection. Some people were just not meant to wear tights — this Batman is no exception.



## THE LIFE AQUATIC WITH STEVE ZISSOU

**B**ill Murray is, and will always be, the f@#kin' man — and don't you forget it. As we all know by now, Murray has recently been applauded for his more serious/deadpan comedic roles in films such as *Last In Translation* and Wes Anderson's prior films, *Rushmore* and *Royal Tenenbaums*. He does it once again in this story about a once popular oceanographer whose career just isn't what it used to be. When Steve's now adult son (Owen Wilson) enters his life, he decides to bring him on his latest adventure. The cast (including Murray, Wilson, Cate Blanchett, Anjelica Huston, Willem Dafoe, and Jeff Goldblum) is excellent and make this quirky comedy worth viewing.

This DVD is available in two editions, the superior 2-disc Criterion edition includes: 10 deleted scenes; Interview with the cast and crew with behind-the-scenes footage; director's commentary; 10 David Bowie songs performed by Brazilian recording artist Seu Jorge; Interview with composer and Devo member Mark Mothersbaugh; Mando Monda: Italian TV Interview; *This Is An Adventure: A Making of A Documentary* by Albert Maysles; Fold-out insert with cutaway of *The Belafonte* with original illustrations; Behind-the-scenes photos and original artwork; Theatrical Trailer; and an intern video journal by actor and reel life intern Matthew Gray Gubler.



## BLADE: Trinity

**W**hen the first *Blade* film red its bloody face on theater screens across the country in 1998, it did a number of things that guaranteed its run as a money-making franchise. First off, it resurrected a little known vampire-hunting Marvel superhero from the 1970s and pumped him full of cool attitude. Secondly, it sort of resurrected Wesley Snipes' career as an action star. Last, but surely not least, it proved that black superheroes kick serious butt — despite what we may have learned from *Blank Man*, *Meteor Man* and the atrocity that was *M.A.N.T.I.S.* Guillermo del Toro proved he was a comic book nerd by turning *Blade 2* into an action-packed, gory, tongue-in-cheek horror flick. *Blade: Trinity*? Well, opinions have been scattered so we'll just leave this one up to you.

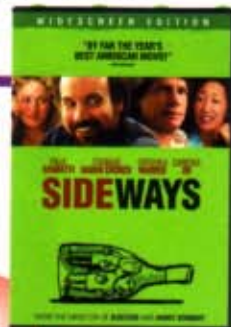
This 2-disc set will be available both rated and unrated (with 10 extra minutes). Features include the 16-part behind-the-scenes documentary *Daywalkers, Nightstalkers & Familiars: Inside the World of Blade: Trinity*; blooper reel; an alternate ending; *Goyer on Goyer: The Writer Interviews the Director*; featurettes and galleries on visual effects and weapons.



## SIDWAYS

**I**t took home an Oscar, so it must be worth seeing — right? Alexander Payne's (*Election*, *About Schmidt*) latest critically-acclaimed film follows best buddies Miles and Jack as they take a trip to California's wine country before Jack's wedding. During the trip both men are faced with their own personal mid-life crisis. Miles is a failed novelist who lacks self-esteem and steals from his own mother and Jack grows unsure about his wedding plans and has an affair during his vacation. Both funny and endearing, there's a reason this film took home the film industry's favorite golden man.

Included on this DVD: commentary by Paul Giamatti and Thomas Haden Church; 7 deleted scenes; behind-the-scenes featurette; 3 Easter eggs; and the theatrical trailer.

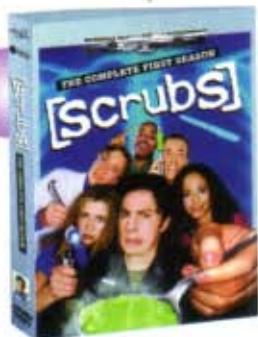


## SCRUBS: Season 1

NBC probably didn't expect this hospital-based comedy to last, but now that it's four seasons in, they figured it's the right time to start releasing the season sets. For those who've never seen the show, it's an extremely well-written and quirky comedy centered on rookie doctor John "J.D." Dorian. While many of the episodes are laugh-out-loud funny as we literally take a peak into J.D.'s often hilarious thought processes through various dream sequences, the show isn't afraid to deal with the realities of working at a hospital. Think of it as *E.R.* meets *Monty Python*. This truly is "must see TV."

This 4-disc set includes: *Newbies*: A retrospective documentary examines the actors

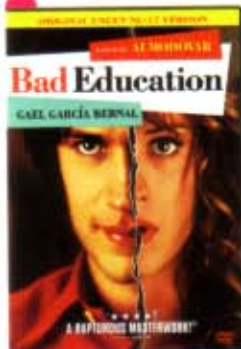
before they were cast; *Operation Anyone?* The cast engages in a nail-biting game of operation; *Doctor's Orders* Dr. Cox offers some hilarious and surprising advice; *Gurney Cam*; *Gag Reel*; and *Never-Before-Seen Dream Sequences*.



## CASINO: Anniversary Edition

Scorsese's been getting mad props in the DVD industry lately, even though his film *The Aviator* was slighted in the eyes of many people at the last Academy Awards ceremony. As you may know by now, we love Marty, because his films are just so gangsta. For those of you who loved watching De Niro and Pesci do their thing in *Goodfellas*, pick up this high-rollin' DVD. Think of it as an unofficial sequel to *Goodfellas* – with a Vegas theme. For the squeamish: it gets pretty brutal in a couple of scenes, so get ready to cover your eyes.

Included on this DVD: Deleted scenes; Featurettes on The Story, Cast and Characters, The Look and After the Filming; Moments with Martin Scorsese, Sharon Stone, Nicholas Pileggi and more; Vegas and the Mob featurette; History Alive: True Crime Authors - *Casino* with Nicholas Pileggi.



## BAD EDUCATION

Attention non-Spanish speaking *Black Beat* readers. Get ready to fall in love with Gael García Bernal. If you haven't seen *Amores Perros*, *Y Tu Mamá También* or *Motorcycle Diaries* yet, then you better catch up on the reason why film critics have been floored by this hot Latino actor. In *Bad Education* he plays a number of different roles – namely a man posing as the long-lost best friend of a film director. He wishes to star in a semi-autobiographical film in which he reveals how the two old friends were victims at the hands of a twisted priest. It's all very much in the vein of classic Hitchcock and will keep you at the edge of your seat.

Available in both the theatrical cut and more risqué unrated edition with English subtitles; director's commentary; deleted scenes; Red Carpet footage from the AFI Film Festival; Making of *Bad Education*; and Photo Gallery & Poster Explorations.

## SPACEBALLS: Collector's Edition

The world may have just experienced *Star Wars* fever for the last time. With the release of *Star Wars: Episode III*, Lucas has vowed to never again return to his legendary sci-fi/adventure franchise. Guess we'll just have to turn to this release of Mel Brooks' 1987 classic for more *Star Wars*-related thrills. Brooks' has created a number of classic comedies (*The Producers*, *Young Frankenstein*, *Blazing Saddles*) and this hilarious *Star Wars* parody still has fans attempting to use "The Schwartz."

This 2-Disc collector's edition includes: Audio commentary with Mel Brooks *Spaceballs: The Documentary*; John Candy: Comic Spirit featurette; In Conversation: Mel Brooks & Thomas Meehan featurette; Storyboards to film featurette; *Spacequotes*; Behind-the-scenes photographs; Costume Gallery; Art Gallery; Theatrical trailers



## FREESTYLE: The Art of Rhyme

This documentary earned itself legendary status amongst hip-hop heads when it made its rounds in the indie film circuit. Directed by DJ Organic, the film focuses on the art and history of freestyling – one of the pillars of hip-hop culture. Some of the game's finest lyricists and personalities are interviewed here with the likes of Mos Def, Bobbito Garcia and MTV's *Sway* offering their knowledge on the subject. Traveling East to West and covering a diverse array of artists (Black Thought, Pharoahe Monch, Notorious B.I.G., Talib Kweli, Jurassic 5, Living Legends, etc.), the film manages to successfully capture the essence of rap music in an unpretentious, un-commercial manner by spotlighting the difference between written and non-written rhymes, ciphers, poetry, famous locations (like Good Life, the Nuyorican and Lyricist Lounge) and of course, battles (Supernatural's battles against both Craig G and Juice being the highlights). If you love hip-hop, you'll love this DVD.

Featured on this DVD are over 45 minutes of bonus footage including deleted scenes and interviews; director's commentary track; and the original film trailer.

