



AV Newsletter

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New DVDs

APRIL

Avatar. PG-13
 The Bad Lieutenant. R
 The Buddha. Not rated
 Crazy Heart. R
 Georgia O'Keefe. Not rated
 Imaginarium of Doctor
 Parnassus. PG-13
 It's Complicated. R
 The Lovely Bones. PG-13
 Pirate Radio. R
 Summer Hours. Not rated
 The Young Victoria. PG

MAY

Daybreakers. R
 Dear John. PG-13
 Edge of Darkness. R
 Extraordinary Measures. PG
 Invictus. PG-13
 Leap Year. PG
 The Messenger. R
 Nine. PG-13
 The Road. R
 The Spy Nextdoor. PG
 Tooth Fairy. PG
 True Blood: The Complete
 Second Season. Not
 Rated
 Valentine's Day. PG-13

JUNE

Alice in Wonderland. PG
 The Book of Eli. R
 Entourage: The Complete Sixth
 Season. Not rated
 Everlasting Moments. Not rated
 From Paris with Love. R
 Nip/Tuck: The Sixth and Final
 Season. Not rated
 Shutter Island. R
 When in Rome. PG-13
 The Wolfman. Not rated

New CDs

CLASSICAL

44 Violin Duos - Béla Bartók;
 Angela & Jennifer Chun,
 violins
 Andrea Chénier - Umberto
 Giordano; Andrea
 Bocelli, Violeta Urmana,
 vocals
 Bel Canto - Elĭna Garanĉa
 Carmen - Georges Bizet;
 Andrea Bocelli, Marina
 Domashenko, Bryn
 Terfel, vocals
 Concerti a Flauto Traverso
 Obligato: II - Carl Philipp
 Emanuel Bach; Alexis
 Kossenko, flauto
 traverso
 Four Orchestral Suites - Johann
 Sebastian Bach; Gonzalo
 X. Ruiz, oboe; Ensemble
 Sonnerie

POPULAR

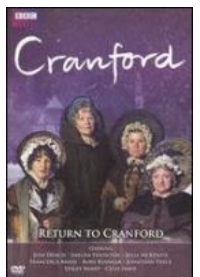
Animal - Ke\$ha
 Broken Bells - Broken Bells
 High Wide & Handsome: Charlie
 Poole Project - Loudon
 Wainwright III
 Live in Las Vegas - Tim Reynolds
 and Dave Matthews
 Live in London - The Pretenders
 Love Never Dies - Andrew Lloyd
 Webber
 Mississippi Blues - Sonny
 Landreth
 No Chagin' Us - Point of
 Grace
 Now That's What I Call Music!
 33
 One Life Stand - Hot Chip
 San Patricio - The Chieftains
 Scratch My Back - Peter Gabriel

DVD Spotlight: Masterpiece Classics

These wonderful programs recently aired on PBS Masterpiece Classic. Sit back with your favorite TV snacks and watch them again or for the first time!

Cranford and Return to Cranford

Based on Elizabeth Gaskell's beloved novels about a 1840s English village on the cusp of change. Dame Judi Dench stars as the good-natured spinster Matty Jenkyns.



The Diary of Anne Frank

In the first authorized film based on actual entries of Anne Frank's diary, Ellie Kendrick portrays teenager Anne Frank, who had to go into hiding during WWII.



Emma

Romola Garai, Jonny Lee Miller, Michael Gambon and Tamsin Greig star in this funny new adaptation of Jane Austen's love story about a young woman whose attempts to play matchmaker go disastrously wrong.

Sharpe's Challenge and Sharpe's

Peril

Sean Bean returns in two more installments as the swashbuckling hero of the adventure series inspired by the books by Bernard Cornwell. Colonel Richard Sharpe comes out of retirement to quash a rebellion in British India. Next, Sharpe and Sergeant Major Patrick Harper travel across bandit-plagued India, escorting the beautiful Marie-Angelique Bonnet to meet her fiancé. Also starring Daragh O'Malley.

The 39 Steps

Wrongfully accused of murder, Richard Hannay is on the run from the police and German spies on the eve of World War I in this exciting and romantic version of the classic thriller by John Buchan. Starring Rupert Penry-Jones, Lydia Leonard, and Alex Jennings.





CAN'T-MISS MUSIC BY TOBY GREENWALT

The music world suffered a devastating loss on March 17th, when Alex Chilton died of a heart attack at the age of 59. Starting out as a member of the Box Tops, Chilton went on to form Big Star, as well as releasing a number of albums under his own name. Chilton may have never been a superstar, but his legacy runs deep. Hundreds of bands now cite him as an influence, and even if you don't recognize the name, you most likely recognize his shambling, jangly power-pop sound. In this installment of the column, we'll take a look at Chilton's sonic descendants.



We'll start with a look at some of the biggest names to have followed in Big Star's footsteps. Perhaps the most significant group is R.E.M., the Athens, Georgia foursome (later a trio) who shot to multiplatinum alternative stardom in the late 80's. Michael Stipe's poetic, enigmatic lyrics blended with Peter Buck's melodically haphazard guitar work helps to further the sound that Chilton made his own. Start with Document and work your way through their entire catalog.



For a more rootsy version of the Big Star sound, look no farther than Wilco, who mixes the Chilton musical recipe with a world-weary tone and country overtones. They've been a Chicago favorite for some time now, so you'd be

well-suited to check them out. Fans of the Chiltonesque pop-n-roll genre would be well suited to give Summerteeth a spin.

It may seem to the casual observer that this genre is a men's game. While the gender distribution does favor the Y-chromosome, there are a number of notable talents cranking out high-quality power pop, most notably Anna Waronker. The daughter of record producer Lenny Waronker, she's certainly made her own mark, first with That Dog and lately on her solo album Anna. Featuring crunchy power chords, and insanely catchy melodies, Waronker brings to mind artists like The Bangles or Matthew Sweet.



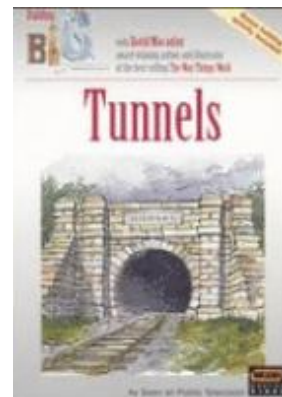
To hear samples of some of these artists, check out the Studio blog at blogs.skokiellibrary.info/studio.

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Watch & Learn DVDs!

Building Big with David Macaulay
(624.2 B, 627.8 B, 624.1775 B, 720.483 B, 624.193 B)

Bridges, dams, domes, skyscrapers, and tunnels take center stage on this PBS five-part miniseries on mega structures.



History Detectives (973.075 H)

A PBS television program, a group of researchers help people find answers to various historical questions and mysteries, searching out the facts, myths, and conundrums.



Mythbusters (507.8 M)

Watch as pop culture's most baffling urban myths and legends are debunked, decoded and demystified in tests that separate the real from the really out there. Special effects experts Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman host this science entertainment program.

Nova ScienceNow (500 N)

Investigates some of today's most exciting advances in scientific research, hosted by astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson.

The States (973 S)

Rediscover America with this 10 part History Channel series that examines the strange, the beautiful, and the poignant – an ultimate celebration of its most unique and wonderful places.

You Are There (909 Y)

This 1950s TV series hosted by Walter Cronkite looks at various key events in American and world history, using real network correspondents to tell historical stories. "All things are as they were, except ... you are there."



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