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Finding life beyond earth, 2011.

(120 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Scientists are on the verge of answering one of the greatest questions in history: Are we alone? Finding Life Beyond Earth immerses audiences in the sights and sounds of alien worlds, while top astrobiologists explain how these places are changing how we think about the potential for life in our solar system.

Frozen planet. The complete series, 2012.

3 videodiscs (300 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: The Arctic and Antarctic remain the greatest wildernesses on Earth. The scale and beauty of the scenery and the sheer power of the elements, the weather, the rough ocean, and the ice is unmatched anywhere else on our planet. tells the compelling story of animals such as the wandering albatross, the adelic penguin, and the polar bear, and paints a portrait that will take your breath away, at a moment when, melting fast, the frozen regions of our planet may soon be changed forever.

Severe clear, 2011.

(93 min.) :

Blu-ray

Summary: The story of 1st Lt. Mike Scotti, who filmed with a mini-cam, sharing his thoughts through entries in a battlefield journal. Capturing the chaos and complexity of war, Severe Clear personifies the fear, turmoil, moral conundrum, heart-pounding reality, and sheer adrenaline rush of combat. An unrelenting account of frontline battle by U.S. Marines during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Severe Clear is a uniquely intimate, extreme, often horrific portrait of war.

Titanic : 100 years in 3D, 2012.

(ca. 45 min)

Blu-ray

Summary: A Stunning 3D HD imagery of the wreck with powerful untold stories of passengers and crew, letting audiences experience the real life drama of Titanic in a way never before possible. In 2010, an unprecedented expedition by Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute and RMS Titanic, Inc. went on location to document the entire wreck site of Titanic, using high-resolution optical video, sonar, acoustic imaging, and 3D HD video and acoustic modeling.

Braving Iraq, 2011.

(60 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: In the early 1990s, Saddam Hussein destroyed the Mesopotamian Marshes, once the richest wildlife habitat in the Middle East. Now one man is making an extraordinary effort to restore both animals and people to the scene of one of the greatest ecocides of the twentieth century. Is it a dream too far? Can man and animal live again in what remains one of the most politically troubled and dangerous places on Earth?

The Everglades : a subtropical paradise, 2012.

(ca. 80 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Discover the wonder and awe of the Everglades where two biomes meet; the tropical and the temperate mid-latitude, through aerial views and ground tours with the park rangers. The Everglades is considered the widest river in the world, spanning over 60 miles.

Into the universe with Stephen Hawking, 2012.

(180 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: The famous scientific mind of Stephen Hawking is set free, powered by the limitless possibilities of computer animation. An animated Stephen Hawking gives us the ultimate guide to the universe, a ripping yarn based on real science, spanning the whole of space and time.

Inside the Milky Way, 2011.

(90 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Embark on an astounding journey across 100,000 light-years to witness key moments in the history of the Milky Way. Using cutting-edge science, National Geographic constructs a 3-D state-of-the-art CGI model of the galaxy. Peer into the heart of the Milky Way on the hunt for super-massive black holes, watch how stars are born and die, fly out and above the plane of the galaxy to understand its true shape, and scour its dusty spiral arms for the possibility of life.

Human planet : the complete series, 2011.

3 videodiscs (ca. 400 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Following in the footsteps of Planet Earth and Life, this epic eight-part blockbuster is a breathtaking celebration of the amazing, complex, profound, and sometimes challenging relationship between humankind and nature. Humans are the ultimate animals - the most successful species on the planet. Each episode focuses on a particular habitat and reveals how its people have created astonishing solutions in the face of extreme adversity.

Contents: Disc one (ca. 150 min.): Oceans : into the blue ; Deserts : life in the furnace ; Arctic : life in the deep freeze -- Disc 2 (ca. 150 min.). Jungles : people in the trees ; Mountains : life in thin air ; Grasslands : the roots of power -- Disc 3 (ca. 100 min.). Rivers : friend and foe ; Cities : surviving the urban jungle ; Extras.

The universe, 2011.

15 videodiscs (ca. 50 hr., 55 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Takes viewers on a visually arresting journey across the galaxy to bring the beauty and mysteries of the cosmos a little closer to home.

Contents:

Season 1. (ca. 11 hr., 45 min.). Secrets of the sun -- Mars: the red planet -- The end of the Earth : deep space threats to our planet -- Jupiter: the giant planet -- Moon -- Spaceship earth -- Inner planets: Mercury & Venus -- Saturn : lord of the rings -- Alien galaxies -- Life and death of a star -- Outer planets -- Most dangerous place in the universe -- Search for ET -- Bonus: Beyond the big bang.

Season 2. (ca. 14 hr., 6 min. + extras). Alien planets -- Cosmic holes -- Mysteries of the moon -- Milky Way -- Alien moons -- Dark matter -- Astrobiology -- Space travel -- Supernovas -- Constellations -- Unexplained mysteries -- Cosmic collisions -- Colonizing space -- Nebulas -- Wildest weather in the cosmos -- Biggest things in space -- Gravity -- Cosmic apocalypse -- Bonus: Backyard astronomers.

Season 3. (ca. 9 hr., 24 min. + extras). Deep space disasters -- Parallel universes -- Light speed -- Sex in space -- Alien faces -- Deadly comets and meteors -- Living in space -- Stopping armageddon -- Another earth -- Strangest things -- Edge of space -- Cosmic phenomena -- Bonus: universe facts and photo gallery.

Season 4. (ca. 9 hr., 24 min.). Death stars -- Day the moon was gone -- It fell from space -- Biggest blasts -- Hunt for ringed planets -- 10 ways to destroy the Earth -- Search for cosmic clusters -- Space wars -- Liquid universe -- Pulsars & quasars -- Science fiction / science fact -- Extreme energy -- Bonus: Meteors : fire in the sky -- Comets : prophets of doom.

Season 5. (ca. 6 hr., 16 min.). Mars: the new evidence -- Magnetic storm -- Time travel -- Secrets of the space probes -- Asteroid attack -- Total eclipse -- Dark future of the sun.

7 wonders of the solar system.

Corman's world : exploits of a Hollywood rebel, 2012.

(90 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Roger Corman is perhaps the most prolific and influential Hollywood filmmaker mainstream America has never heard of. Attempts to rectify that injustice by not only examining Corman and his filmography, but also by attempting to explain why the writer-director-producer is more than just a low-budget schlockmeister.

Urbanized, 2012.

(85 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Documents the issues and strategies behind the design of cities. Hear from some of the world's foremost architects, planners, policymakers, builders, and thinkers. Discover the challenges of balancing housing, mobility, public space, civic engagement, economic development, and environmental policy that are fast becoming universal concerns. Explore a diverse range of urban design projects around the world which will frame a global discussion on the future of cities.

Cave of forgotten dreams, 2011.

(90 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Overcoming considerable technical challenges, iconic director Werner Herzog takes viewers into the interior of Chauvet Cave in southern France where the world's oldest cave paintings--hundreds in number--were discovered in 1994. These 32,000-year-old artworks--pristine and astonishingly realistic drawings of horses, cattle, and lions--come alive in the torchlight, as Herzog muses on this extraordinary place, the nature and purpose of Paleolithic art, and its creators. For Herzog, these paintings present perhaps the earliest manifestation of our primal desire to communicate and represent the world around us, which leads him to wider metaphysical contemplations on evolution and our place within it, and ultimately on what it means to be human.

Dinosaurs : giants of patagonia, 2011.

(40 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Take an unprecedented and unique journey into the world of the largest known dinosaurs and, in the process, explore some of the great paleontological discoveries of modern time.

Jack Kerouac : king of the Beats, 2011.

(78 min.)

Blu-ray disc

Summary: Kerouac's life is examined through fascinating rare documentary footage and revealing interviews with some of Kerouac's most famous contemporaries and friends. Beginning with his Catholic boyhood, through his development as one of the most important modern American authors, to his self-destructive demise at the age of 49, 'Jack Kerouac: King of the Beats' is both an accurately detailed documentary and a moving drama.

Hubble 3D, 2011.

(44 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: In May 2009, the crew of the Space Shuttle Atlantis launched a mission to make vital repairs and upgrades to the Hubble Space Telescope. An IMAX camera captured stunning footage of the five intricate spacewalks required, as well as close-up images of the effort to grasp the orbiting telescope with the shuttle's mechanical arm. Narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio.

Vietnam in HD, 2011.

2 videodiscs (282 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: This is the story of the men who came home from the Vietnam War and tried to forget. The men who represent a second silent generation. Covered is the time period from the initial massive troop build-up in 1965 to the fall of Saigon in 1975. Contains never-before-seen color footage transferred to high definition as well as a soundtrack filled with hits from the era. Includes narration from Josh Brolin, and voice-overs by Blair Underwood, Zachary Levi, and Jennifer Love Hewitt.

Contents: Disc one: The beginning (1964-1965) -- Search & destroy (1966-1967). Disc two: The Tet offensive (1968) -- An endless war (1968-1969) -- A changing war (1969-1970) -- Peace with honor (1971-1975).

Arabia : 3D, 2011.

(46 min.)

Blu-ray

Disc contains both 3D and 2D versions of the feature.

Summary: All-new experience about the extraordinary culture and history of Arabia. With breathtaking cinematography, go deep into the heart of this exotic land to experience the great mystique of Arabia. Like riding a magic carpet, you will discover the lost city of Madain Saleh and explore its ancient tombs, travel along the early frankincense trade route, confront a wild desert sandstorm, and dive among the gorgeous coral reefs and ancient shipwrecks of the dazzling Red Sea.

Contents: Special features: Making of documentary; MacGillivray Freeman short retrospective; trailers.

3D Safari, Africa, 2011.

(90 min.)

Blu-ray

Includes 3D and 2D versions of the film.

Summary: Join Hunter Ellis as he embarks on a journey through the wilderness of Africa in a quest to find the extremely rare and endangered African black rhino, all filmed with stunning HD/3D cinematography. Along the way, his safari will put him and the viewer in close company with gazelles, gorillas, birds, and many more of Africa's wondrous wildlife.

Legends of flight, 2011.

(42 min.)

Blu-ray 3D and Blu-ray on one disc

Summary: Take a seat and strap yourself in for the thrilling flights of these amazing airplanes in some of the most breathtaking sequences ever seen. You will see the first public flight of the massive, but super-efficient Airbus A380 at the 2007 Paris Air Show and the first flight of the smaller, even more efficient 787, the first-ever carbon fiber airliner that made its maiden flight in 2009. This unique cinematic experience shows how the 787 might affect the next 100 years of aeronautical design.

Ocean wonderland 3D, 2011.

(ca. 41 min.)

Blu-ray ; 3D and 2D

Summary: Presented by Jean-Michel Cousteau, this takes you on a stunning visual diving adventure to the heart of the ocean: coral reefs, from Australia's Great Barrier Reef to the Bahamas.

Les yeux noirs : Private eyes, 2011.

(14 min., 25 sec.)

DVD

Animated short film using 3D stereoscopic line drawings.

In French and English = Français et Anglais.

Summary: This animated film tells the story of Matthew, a boy who is never afraid of the dark. Since he's been in darkness all his life, Matthew has eyes where other people only have hands, feet or ears. This week is Matthew's birthday and he's very curious about the surprise his parents are preparing for him. Can he find it? In this film adapted from his popular children's book, Les yeux noirs, author Gilles Tibo teams up with animator Nicola Lemay to open viewers' eyes to what it's like to live with a visual impairment.

The ultimate wave. Tahiti 3D, 2011.

(45 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Plunge into the stunning beauty of an island paradise on a quest to find the perfect wave-riding experience. Ten-time world surfing champion Kelly Slater and Tahitian surfer Raimana Van Bastolaer and a group of friends seek out the best waves breaking on the reef at Tahiti's famed surf site Teahupo'o. Features trailer gallery and vignettes.

Deep sea 3D, 2011.

(45 min.)

Blu-ray

Includes the 3D and 2D version.

Summary: A new underwater adventure, from the filmmakers behind the successful IMAX 3D film Into the Deep, transports audiences deep below the ocean surface to swim alongside some of the most exotic creatures on the planet.

Florida's state parks, 2011.

2 videodiscs (80 min.)

Blu-ray and DVD.

Tropical rain forest, 2011.

(38 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Go on a spectacular and unforgettable journey into the heart of the remote and far-flung rainforests of Australia, Costa Rica, French Guiana, and Malaysia. This globally important adventure explores these disappearing jungle habitats and gives viewers a rare, intimate look at the lush foliage, and incredibly diverse array of inhabitants. From extreme close-ups to tree-top panoramas, experience these treasured environments on their own terms. Narrated by Geoffrey Holder.

The fabric of the cosmos, 2011.

2 videodiscs (240 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Based on the book by physicist and author Brian Greene, his film takes us to the frontiers of physics to see how scientists are piecing together the most complete picture yet of space, time, and the universe. With each step, audiences will discover that just beneath the surface of our everyday experience lies a world we'd hardly recognize, a startling world far stranger and more wondrous than anyone expected.

Contents: What is space? -- Illusion of time -- Quantum leap -- Universe or multiverse?

Nostalgia for the light, 2011.

(90 min)

Blu-ray.

In Spanish with English subtitles.

Summary: Director Patricio Guzman travels to the driest place on earth, Chile's Atacama Desert, where astronomers examine distant galaxies, archaeologists uncover traces of ancient civilizations, and women dig for the remains of disappeared relatives.

WWII in 3D, 2011.

(46 min)

Blu-ray

Summary: The first documentary to show World War II from the perspective of both sides. Using the diaries of soldiers who fought in the war's biggest battles, created is a personal, introspective, and detailed look at life on and off the front lines.

Cameraman : the life & work of Jack Cardiff, 2011.

(90 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: A star-studded documentary about one of the greatest Oscar-winning cinematographers, who captured the beauty of such stars as Marilyn Monroe, Audrey Hepburn, and Sophia Loren in such memorable classics as *The African Queen*; *The Red Shoes*; *Barefoot Contessa*; and *Black Narcissus*. With a career spanning more than 80 years, the passionate documentary reveals the craft of one of cinema's most indelible image-makers, Jack Cardiff.

Space station 3D, 2010.

(47 min.)

Blu-ray 3D.

Summary: Tomorrow begins here, at the breathtaking intersection of Hi-Def Blu-ray 3D depth and clarity and high-resolution 70mm IMAX photography: 220 miles above the Earth at a speed of 17,500 MPH aboard the most complex scientific project ever assembled the International Space Station. Tom Cruise narrates this fascinating look at the high-flying laboratory where today's space heroes develop technologies to make possible future voyages to Mars and provide solutions to earthbound problems.

Under the sea, 2010.

(41 min.)

Blu-ray

Includes the 3D and 2D version.

Summary: Imagine a world of incredible color and beauty. Of crabs wearing jellyfish for hats. Of fish disguised as frogs, stones and shag carpets. Of a kaleidoscope of underwater life. The makers of *Deep Sea* and *Into the Deep* take you into the waters of the Great Barrier Reef and other South Pacific realms.

Life, c2010.

4 videodiscs (ca. 586 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Four years in the making, filmed over 3000 days, across every continent and in every habitat, with breathtaking new high definition filming techniques developed since *Planet Earth*, *Life* presents 130 incredible stories from the frontiers of the natural world, 54 of which have never been filmed before.

Contents: Disc 1. Challenges of life -- Reptiles and amphibians -- mammals -- Disc 2. Fish -- Birds -- Disc 3. Insects -- Hunters and hunted -- Disc 4. Creatures of the deep -- Plants -- Primates.

Rediscover the ancient mysteries of Egypt, 2010.

3 videodiscs (11 hrs.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Offers a scintillating look at the state of Egyptology in the new millennium, through the eyes of the foremost scholar in the field today, Zahi Hawass.

Contents: Giza: the lost city of the pyramid builders Toscana -- The lost tombs of Thebes -- Secrets in the Valley of the Kings -- The hidden treasures of the Cairo Museum -- Saqqara: the cult of the dead -- Heliopolis: the cradle of the gods -- Ramses II: the quest for immortality -- Akhenaton: the heretic king -- Karnak and Luxor: the reaching of perfection -- The boy king Tutankhamen.

The Universe : 7 wonders of the solar system, 2010.

(ca. 47 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Take an exhilarating, unprecedented 3D tour of the seven most amazing wonders of our solar system, beginning with a trip to Enceladus, one of Saturn's outer moons. Then venture to Saturn's famous rings, dive into Jupiter's Great Red Spot, soar through the Asteroid Belt, made of millions of rocks left over from the formation of the solar system, trek up Mount Olympus, the largest volcano located on Mars, and have a close encounter with the searing surface of the sun.

Van Gogh : brush with genius, 2010.

(40 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Takes the viewer into the heart of van Gogh's paintings and life. His letters are used to explain his art. The locations that inspired him are also part of the film.

Green planet, 2010.

4 videodiscs (ca. 368 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary:

Bears -- Meet polars and grizzlies, blacks and browns, sloths and sun bears. These are glorious and misunderstood wild creatures of the Green Planet.

Lost worlds: life in the balance -- Harrison Ford reveals wondrous relationships between lives of all sizes. Travel to powerful sites in Central America and to a mysterious South American "Lost World", investigating human survival concerns as we approach the Mayan Milestone of 2012.

Sedona: the spirit of wonder -- Travel back eons in time as the earth transformed into this fascinating region, and the diverse cultures that helped shape the magical red rocks.

Wolves -- The spiritual brother of Native Americans makes a comeback. Matthew Fox hosts bonus movie "Survival of the Yellowstone Wolves".

Contents: Bears / directed by David Lickley ; producer, Goulam Amarsy (130 min.) -- Wolves / directed by David Douglas ; producers, Goulam Amarsy and Pietro L. Serapiglia (101 min.) -- Lost worlds: life in the balance / directed by Bayley Silleck ; producers, Goulam Amarsy and Jeffrey Marvin (100 min.) --

Sedona: the spirit of wonder / directed by Frances Grumman ; producer, Dave Swartwout (37 min.).

Volcanoes of the deep sea, 2009.

(45 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Alvin, a deep-sea mechanized probe, makes a voyage some 12,000 feet underwater to explore the Azores, a constantly-erupting volcanic rift between Europe and North America.

50 masterworks from the collection, 2010.

(50 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Features fifty masterworks from the Museum's vast collection of modern and contemporary paintings. From Vincent van Gogh to Jasper Johns, and from Paul Cezanne to Jackson Pollock, this collection reflects the colorful vitality and fascinating complexity of modern art, and provides a unique look into the vivid world of MoMA.

What Darwin never knew, 2010.
(ca. 112 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: The source of the earth's great variety of animals was a scientific mystery until Charles Darwin proposed the idea of natural selection. Nova presents breakthroughs in a new science nicknamed "evo devo" that are linking the enigma of origins to another of nature's mysteries, the development of embryos.

Wild ocean : an epic underwater struggle for survival, 2010.
(40 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Highlights one of nature's greatest migration spectacles, plunging viewers into an underwater feeding frenzy, an epic struggle for survival, where whales, sharks, dolphins, seals, gannets and billions of fish collide with the most voracious sea predator, mankind. Reveals the economic and cultural impact of the ocean while celebrating the communal efforts to protect our invaluable marine resources.

Echoes of creation : in high definition, 2010.
2 videodiscs (ca. 40 min.)

Blu-ray + DVD combo pack.

Summary: A blend of stunning landscape cinematography, instrumental music and spoken word allow the viewer to experience the wonders of the natural world.

America : the story of us, 2010.
3 videodiscs (564 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Viewers are taken on a breathtaking journey through 400 years of U.S. history. Live-action recreations of key historical events give viewers an immersive view of history in the making. Features the vocal talents of Rudy Giuliani, Sean Combs, Al Sharpton, Buzz Aldrin, Colin Powell, Donald Trump, Jane Fonda, Meryl Streep, Tom Brokaw, and many others.

Contents: Disc 1. Rebels ; Revolution ; Westward ; Division ; bonus: additional scenes on American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, George Washington -- disc 2. Civil War ; Heartland ; Cities ; Boom ; bonus: additional scenes on Civil War, transcontinental railroad, the Statue of Liberty, Henry Ford and the Model T -- disc 3. Bust ; World War II ; Superpower ; Millennium.

Life after people. Season 2, 2008.
2 videodiscs (420 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Welcome to Earth, population 0. If humans vanish from the face of the earth, what happens to the world we leave behind? Another amazing glimpse of what that might look like. Expert engineers, biologists, geologists and archeologists create scenarios while CGI effects present haunting views of our planet's future. What will happen to our iconic structures? What creatures will take our place?

Contents: Disc 1: Wrath of God -- Toxic revenge -- Crypt of civilization -- The last supper -- Home wrecked homes. Disc 2: Holiday hell -- Waves of devastation -- Sky's the limit -- Depths of destruction -- Take me to your leader.

Cuba : the accidental Eden, 2010.
(60 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Cuba's unspoiled tropical terrain, closed for decades by a U.S. trade embargo, escaped the commercialization of its Caribbean island neighbors. A tidal wave of hotels, asphalt, and pollution may be just ahead if tourism experts are right. Look inside the long-closed paradise to see what the future holds for Cuba's unusual species of amphibians, reptiles, and freshwater fish.

Countdown to zero, 2010.

(91 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Tracing the history of the atomic bomb from its origins to the present state of global affairs. Nine nations possessing nuclear weapons capabilities with others racing to join them, with the world held in a delicate balance that could be shattered by an act of terrorism, failed diplomacy, or a simple accident. The film makes a compelling case for worldwide nuclear disarmament, an issue more topical than ever as over 40 nations have the technical capacity to construct nuclear weapons.

Collapse, 2010.

(100 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Over the 20th and 21st centuries, the rise of this civilization has seemed unstoppable. But could modern, industrialized civilization fall apart? Three hundred years from now, will scientists find evidence that this civilization followed a recipe for disaster like that of the Maya or the Romans? Imagine it has already happened. National Geographic reveals a look into the future to descendants in the year 2310 as they set out on a scientific expedition to figure out what happened.

Contents: 1. Introduction -- 2. A critical juncture -- 3. Studying the Anasazi's -- 4. The end of Phoenix -- 5. California's future -- 6. The pace of progress -- 7. An unpaid price -- 8. Our race against time -- 9. A new lead in our collapse -- 10. Present day end game -- 11. Conclusion.

Wonders of the solar system, 2010.

2 videodiscs (ca. 293 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Dr. Brian Cox demonstrates and explains some of the most amazing features of our very own solar system, how the forces of nature carved out beauty and order from the chaos of space, how our home planet is intimately connected with the rest of the solar system, and how these connections have created the planet Earth.

Contents: Disc 1 (ca. 175 min.). Empires of the sun -- Order out of chaos -- The thin blue line -- Disc. 2 (ca. 118 min.). Dead or alive -- Aliens -- Special features (ca. 109 min.): What on earth is wrong with gravity? -- Do you know what time is?

America's national treasures : the complete 12 volume series, 2010.

2 videodiscs (ca. 7 hr.)

Blu-ray

Summary: In 1906, Teddy Roosevelt created the nation's first National Monument destination. The purpose was to preserve all of America's significant pieces of history. Now viewers can take a journey through the ecology, geology, and beauty of the Great Plains, the geologic West, and the historic South in an adventure never to be forgotten.

Contents: Disc one. Legacy of the Great Plains. Geologic wonders of the Northern Plains ; Sioux Indian wars ; Manifest destiny ; The Southern Plains -- The historic South. Prehistoric native Americans ; Southern Spanish colonies ; Slavery and the plantation system ; Civil War and the Confederacy -- disc 2. The geologic West. Fossil treasures of the Pacific Northwest ; The Pacific Northwest's Ring of Fire ; The historic Pacific Northwest ; The great biodiversity of the Pacific Northwest.

The Buddha : the story of Siddhartha, 2010.

(120 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Buddha said that he was a human being who, in a world of unavoidable pain and suffering, had found a kind of serenity that others could find, too. This documentary by award-winning filmmaker David Grubin tells the story of his life, a journey especially relevant in our own bewildering times of violent change and spiritual confusion.

Mummies : secrets of the Pharaohs, 2009.

(39 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Unravel the secrets behind one of the most fascinating time capsules of our time, uncover ancient tombs to find out the phenomenon behind them, and follow top scientists as they perform modern forensic investigations to find clues to the past and the future.

The virtual Haydn : complete works for solo keyboard, 2009.

4 videodiscs

Blu-ray

Summary: Seven keyboard instruments played in nine historical rooms; includes Haydn's complete keyboard music omitting works for organ.

Contents: Courting nobility, c. 1755-1769 -- Quality time, c. 1750-1772 -- The music lesson, c. 1755-1767 -- Haydn's workshop, c. 1760-1771 -- Your most serene highness! (Prince Esterházy sonatas, 1774) -- The score (Anno 776 sonatas, 1776) -- Equal to the finest masters (Auenbrugger Sisters sonatas, 1780) -- Musical letters to a princess (Marie Esterhazy sonatas, 1784) -- Viennese culture, 1789-1798) -- The London scene, 1794-1795 -- Playing the room : the making of The virtual Haydn.

Art: 21 Season 5 : art in the twenty-first century, 2009.

(ca. 240 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Through in-depth profiles and dynamic behind-the-scenes footage featuring artists speaking directly about their inspirations and ideas, Season Five shows a broad range of artistic practice, technical innovation, and experimentation, from artists tackling large-scale collaborative projects in hangar-like studios to those working in the quiet of more intimate studio settings. Featured artists: William Kentridge, Carrie Mae Weems, Doris Salcedo, Jeff Koons, Mary Heilmann ... [et. al.].

The last salt caravan : still on the ancient trade route to Tibet, 2009.

(51 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: The last salt caravan follows the ancient trade route to Tibet's mysterious gorge with a salt spring. We follow the caravan as it is taking a salt-selling journey on the ancient trade route between Tibet and China.

Water life, 2009.

3 videodiscs (6 hr., 25 min.)

Blu-ray; DVD

Summary: Big Blue : Oceans cover 70 percent of the Earth's surface, but there is still much we don't know about them. Immerse yourself in this mysterious and miraculous world. From seabeds and magnificent coral reefs to rocky cliffs and coastlines pounded by the sea, witness the ingenious ways in which a multitude of species adapt to their environments and fend off predators. Planet Water : The story of water is the story of life. Explore an array of aquatic ecosystems that reveal water's many surprising faces. From wild and pure mountain lakes, where rivers begin, to magnificent coral reefs constructed by millions of coral polyps, this is an epic portrait to life's rich diversity, and eye-opening testimony to the dangers that threaten our Blue Planet. Water's Journey : Witness the power of the water cycle in all its phases, and its vital role in creating and perpetuating ecosystems that astound the imagination. Tropical rain forests are home to plants and animals still unknown to us. Rivers are alive with the hubbub of little colonies. In the desert, only the toughest and most adaptable creatures survive.—

Contents: Big Blue. The Big blue / Under the sea / The Underwater city / The frontier of the sea / On the seaside -- Planet Water. A world of water / Where water is born / Water's pulse / Uncertain water / The making of [sic]. -- Water's Journey. The Wandering water / The Quiet flow / Protective water / Fleeting water / Jungle water.

South Pacific : an ocean of extraordinary discoveries, 2009.

2 videodiscs (ca. 353 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Explores the sheer scale and majesty of the largest ocean on Earth, the isolation of its islands, the extraordinary journeys wildlife and humans have gone through to reach these specks of land, and what happened to both after their arrival. This film captures the amazing natural sights of the region and its people: from erupting undersea volcanoes to jeweled tropical reefs; from tiger sharks catching albatross chicks to giant crabs opening coconuts; from the Solomon islanders who fish with spider webs and kits to the Pentecost land divers who leap from 25-meter wooden scaffolds.

Contents: Disc 1. Ocean of islands ; Castaways ; Endless blue -- disc 2. Ocean of volcanoes ; Strange islands ; Fragile paradise.

Becoming human : unearthing our earliest ancestors, 2010.

(ca. 3 hr.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Where did we come from? What makes us human? NOVA's ... investigation explores how new discoveries are transforming views of our earliest ancestors. Featuring interviews with world-renowned scientists, footage shot "in the trenches" as fossils were unearthed, and ... computer-generated animation, [these programs] bring early hominids to life, examining how we became the creative and adaptable modern humans of today ... In the first episode ... encounter ... "Selam," the amazingly complete remains of a 3 million year-old child, packed with clues to why we split from the apes, came down from the trees, and started walking upright ... [T]he second episode investigates the riddle of "Turkana Boy"--A tantalizing fossil of Homo erectus, the first ancestor to leave Africa and colonize the globe ... [T]he final episode ... explores the origins of "us" -- where modern humans and our capacities for art, invention, and survival came from, and what happened when we encountered the mysterious Neanderthals...

Contents: First steps -- Birth of humanity -- Last human standing -- Becoming human.

Death masks, 2011.

(ca. 94 min.)

DVD

Summary: Before the advent of photography, one of the most effective ways of preserving authentic visages of the dead was through the creation of death masks. Some of history's most notable figures left behind detailed casts of their faces, created at their moment of death, to capture their physical memory for eternity. Hear from experts in forensic science and anthropology, who use death masks to provide startling new insights into the persistent mysteries surrounding these historic icons.

Ultimate high-definition collection, 2009.

6 videodiscs (460 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Treat your senses to the stunning, high-definition imagery of National Geographic's Ultimate High-Definition Collection, a six-disc set that will transport you to the center of the most remarkable action and breathtaking scenery known to man. Venture underwater and meet California's blue whales, soar across sweeping landscapes, and meet the most magnificent creatures of Africa's savannahs. From the mountain peaks and oceans that play host to extreme sport enthusiasts to the celestial wonders of our universe, this special anthology is an entertainment powerhouse.

Contents: Atmospheres: earth, air, and water -- Relentless enemies -- Kingdom of the blue whale -- Rhino rescue -- Extreme -- Journey to the edge of the universe.

Yellowstone : battle for life, 2009.

(ca. 150 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Reveals the grandeur of this unique place as its animals struggle to survive over the course of three vividly changing seasons.

MacGillivray Freeman's Grand Canyon adventure : river at risk, 2009.

(45 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Follow the great Colorado River as it reveals the most pressing environmental story of our time, the world's growing shortage of fresh water. Join environmental advocates as they travel deep into the Grand Canyon on a ride through the raging rapids and breathtaking canyons. Will leave you with a deeper respect for water everywhere and see how water makes a difference for our parched planet.

Journey into amazing caves, 2009.

(40 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: A visceral, suspenseful expedition with a new breed of scientists who boldly explore places once thought off-limits to human presence. Travel to unique and forbidding ice caves in Greenland, underwater caves in the Yucatan, terrestrial caves in the Grand Canyon and other spectacular locations. Wiggle through tiny, twisting passages, swim through flooded underground vaults, drop into gleaming blue labyrinths of ice, and enter a world so extreme the microscopic creatures who live there are called extremophiles. For those compelled to push their limits in the world's most hostile environments, the risk of fatal danger and the thrill of new discovery are the everyday factors that make cave exploration such an awe-inspiring experience.

Vincent Van Gogh, 2010.

(131 min.)

DVD

Summary: Examines the life, times, and works of Vincent Van Gogh with commentary from experts at the Van Gogh Museum. Includes paintings, drawings, personal letters, and footage of places Van Gogh lived and worked.

Amazon, 2009.

(39 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Explore the mysterious Amazon and celebrate the beauty, vitality, and wonder of this magical rain forest. Filmmakers overcame many difficulties to photograph this rarely seen tropical landscape. Photographed native tribesmen untouched by Western civilization and discover an awesome variety of animals and plant life. A unique collaboration between an American scientist and a tribal shaman on a mission to find rare medicinal plants.

The botany of desire, 2009.

(120 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Shows how human desires are an essential, intricate part of natural history. The program will explore the natural history of four plants -the apple, the tulip, marijuana, and the potato - and the corresponding human desires - sweetness, beauty, intoxication and control. This two-hour documentary begins in Michael Pollan's garden, and roams the world, from the fields of Iowa to the apple forests of Kazakhstan, from a medical marijuana hot house to the tulip markets of Amsterdam.

Fractals : hunting the hidden dimension, 2009.

(56 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Learn how uncommon things have a common thread with a new branch of math, and meet the mathematicians that developed it.

Genius within : the inner life of Glenn Gould, 2011.

(113 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: An unprecedented array of never-before-seen footage of Gould, photographs, and excerpts from his private home recordings and diaries, plus personal interviews with Gould's most intimate friends and lovers, some who have never spoken about him publicly before, to reconstruct his thoughts on music, art, society, love, and life. An enigmatic musical poet, world-renowned pianist Glenn Gould continues to captivate 27 years after his untimely death.

The national parks : America's best idea, 2009.

6 videodiscs (750 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Traces the birth of the national park idea in the mid-1800s and follows its evolution for nearly 150 years. Using archival photographs, first-person accounts of historical characters, personal memories and analysis from more than 40 interviews, and what Burns believes is the most stunning cinematography in Florentine Films' history, the series chronicles the steady addition of new parks through the stories of the people who helped create them and save them from destruction.

Contents: [Disc 1] Episode one. The scripture of nature (1851-1890) -- [Disc 2] Episode two. The last refuge (1890-1915) -- [Disc 3] Episode three. The empire of grandeur (1915-1919) -- [Disc 4] Episode four. Going home (1920-1933) -- [Disc 5] Episode five. Great nature (1933-1945) -- [Disc 6] Episode six. The morning of creation (1946-1980).

Food, Inc., 2009.

(93 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Lifts the veil on our nation's food industry, exposing how our nation's food supply is now controlled by a handful of corporations that often put profits ahead of consumer health, the livelihood of the American farmer, the safety of workers and our own environment. Reveals surprising - and often shocking truths - about what we eat, how it's produced and who we have become as a nation.

Nature's most amazing events, 2009.

2 videodiscs (ca. 300 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Each season, as the ever-thinning Arctic ice recedes, polar bears face a daunting challenge; Grizzly bears in British Columbia must use ingenuity and fancy footwork to collect their catch; The annual rains of the Serengeti draw in the greatest concentration of large animals on Earth; Each year, billions of sardines flood South Africa's east coast creating an action-packed feeding frenzy; Thousands of animals make the long trek toward the lifesaving annual flood of Botswana's Okavango Delta; The annual plankton boom of Alaska's coastal waters attracts humpback whales and sea lions, who must avoid predatory killer whales.

Contents: Disc 1. The great melt -- The great salmon run -- The great migration. Disc 2 The great tide -- The great flood -- The great feast.

Life after people, 2008.

(ca. 94 min)

Blu-ray

Summary: What will the world be like when mankind is extinct? The pyramids may stand forever, but the cities will disappear. Our greatest masterpieces will fade and crumble. As global warming and the depletion of natural resources become ever more pressing issues it is critical to consider how we can reduce our impact on the planet. Journey to locations around the globe already going through the processes of a lack of human intervention. See the changes wrought in just decades in ghostly settlements like Chernobyl, which was abandoned since only 1986, and island towns off the coast of Maine. How long would it take before the last remnants of mankind completely disappeared?

Six degrees could change the world, 2008.

(90 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: By year 2100 many scientists believe that the Earth's average temperature could rise by as much as six degrees Celsius. In a compelling investigation, National Geographic leads a degree-by-degree journey to explore what each rising- and critical- degree could mean for the future of our people and planet. Through powerful filmmaking and intimate profiles, this special illustrates how global warming has already affected the reefs of Australia, the ice fields of Greenland, and the Amazonian rain forest. With a sobering look at the effects of our world's insatiable appetite for energy, Six Degrees could change the world explains what's real, what's still controversial, and how existing technologies and remedies could help dial back the global thermometer.

Journey to the edge of the universe, 2008.

(90 min)

Blu-ray

Summary: The first accurate nonstop voyage from Earth to the edge of the universe using a single, unbroken shot through the use of spectacular CGI technology. Building on images taken from the Hubble telescope.

Baraka, 2008.

(98 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Baraka is a Sufi word that translates to 'the thread that weaves life together.' Filmed in 24 countries on six continents, this film is a transcendent global tour that explores the sights and sounds of the human condition, viewed through man and nature's own prisms of symmetry, savagery, chaos and harmony.

Contents: Bonus features: Baraka, a closer look (Produced by Funhouse Entertainment on behalf of MPI Media Group ; 2008 ; 76 min.) -- Restoration (Produced by Funhouse Entertainment ; 2008 ;7 min.).

Mystery of the Nile, 2008.

(47 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Join a team of explorers on the expedition of a lifetime as they set off to become the first to navigate the Blue Nile from its source to the sea. The epic 3,260-mile descent down the world's greatest and deadliest river has eluded humankind for centuries. Crash through the rapids in Ethiopia's desert canyons. Battle through some of the world's most extreme whitewater rapids. Over the arduous, four-month journey, the team faces nearly insurmountable challenges.

Costa Rica, 2007.

(60 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Presents sensory-immersive experiences of Costa Rica's cloud forests, rain forests, and jungles accompanied by music.

Contents: Osa Peninsula -- Tropical flowers -- Birds and butterflies -- Cloud forest.

Human body : pushing the limits, 2008.

2 videodiscs (165 min.)

Blu-ray ; DVD

Summary: A look at people around the world, who have pushed their bodies to the max. Features CGI technology and hi-tech camera work to examine their physical ordeals both externally and internally.

Contents: Disc 1: Sight ; Strength -- Disc 2: Sensation ; Brain power.

Bali, 2007.

(60 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Scenic views of wildlife and sacred sites in Bali with Balinese music in the background.

Contents: Wildlife -- Sacred sites -- Water temples.

The BBC high definition natural history collection, 2008.

8 videodiscs (ca. 1150 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Examines life in various habitats around the world and through the seasons; contemporary look at the unusual wildlife on the islands that inspired Darwin; profiles the ecological and cultural history of the South Asian river; comprehensive chronicle of China's diverse ecosystems.

Contents: Planet Earth (2007) / series producer, Alastair Fothergill ; producers, Penny Allen ... [et al.] ; a BBC/Discovery Channel/NHK co-production, in association with the CBC -- Galápagos (2007) / series producer, Patrick Morris ; producers, Patrick Morris, Andrew Murray ; a Wildvision/National Geographic Channel US co-production -- Wild China (2008) / series producer, Phil Chapman ; producers, George Chan ... [et al.] ; a BBC/CTV/Travel Channel co-production, in association with Canal+ -- Ganges (2007) / producers, Tom Hugh-Jones & Dan Rees ; series producer, Ian Gray ; a BBC/Travel Channel co-production.

California redwoods, c2007.

(60 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Presents sensory-immersive experiences of the California redwood forests, accompanied by music.

Contents: Enchanted forest -- Time-lapse dance mists -- Giant Sequoias.

Wild Africa, 2007.

(60 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Presents sensory-immersive experiences of a variety of African landscapes, accompanied by music.

Contents: Serengeti -- Ngorongoro -- Tarangire.

MacGillivray Freeman's Greece : secrets of the past, 2011.

(83 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: The ancient Greek civilization comes to life in a giant screen adventure! Journey back in time with a dynamic tale of science, archaeological adventure, and discovery. Narrated by Nia Vardalos.

Roving Mars, 2007.

(ca. 40 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Join the Mars Rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, for an awe-inspiring journey to the surface of the mysterious red planet and discover what no human has ever seen or known before.

Contents: Special features: "Mars and beyond:" Walt Disney's 1957 investigation into the mysteries of the universe and space travel (ca. 50 min.); "Mars: past, present & future:" personal reflections on Mars from the filmmakers, JPL Rover team members and students from the "Imagine Mars" program (ca. 25 min.).

The crusades : crescent & the cross, 2008.

(ca. 180 min.)

1 Blu-ray

Summary: Using CGI-enhanced visuals and dramatic reenactments, The History Channel brings the key battles of the Crusades to life. See locations, including a vast chain of Crusader castles and get a feel of what day-to-day life was like.

Route 66 marathon tour Chicago to L.A., 2011.

3 videodiscs (360 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Take a trip across the country and back in time and discover the America of years gone by on the historic Route 66. Called the Main Street of America, it linked east and west for nearly 60 memorable years and became part of our national folklore in the process. Nearly 2400 miles of roadside diners, small towns, tepee-shaped motels and frozen custard stands helps thread the fabric of America. Contents: The mother road -- The journey begins -- From Joliet to Funk's Grove, IL -- McLean to Springfield, IL -- Litchfield, IL to Meramec Caverns, MO -- From Cuba to Lebanon, Missouri -- Carthage, MO to Baxter Springs, KS -- Miami to Tulsa, OK -- From Stroud to Clinton, Oklahoma -- Erick, OK to Adrian, Texas -- Tucumcari to Gallup, New Mexico -- Navajo to Flagstaff, Arizona -- The Grand Canyon to Seligman, AZ -- The end of the road.

Ryan : the special edition, 2004.

(ca. 85 min.)

Summary: Ryan Larkin is an animation pioneer and an OSCAR nominee who, 30 years ago, created some of the most influential animated films of his time. Chris Landreth is a present-day pioneer of animation. Also an OSCAR nominee, Landreth has created an award-winning animated documentary about Larkin, called Ryan which is his most personal film. Ryan : the special edition DVD is a provocative assembly of films that features Landreth's acclaimed short Ryan, as well as the fascinating full-length documentary Alter Egos, directed by Laurence Green. Earlier animated works by Chris Landreth, Bingo and the End, as well as the animated films of Ryan Larkin (Syrinx, Walking and Street Musique) are also in this remarkable collection.

Guge : the lost kingdom of Tibet, 2008.

(50 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: The Guge Kingdom -- an extraordinary Christian and Himalayan Buddhist civilization rich with art and culture -- flourished for seven hundred years and then vanished mysteriously in the 17th century. Until now, archaeologists have been unable to understand the mystery of Guge's demise, but a recent discovery may unlock the enigma of the Guge people and what happened to them almost 1,400 years ago.

Forces of nature, 2010.

(40 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Showcases the awesome spectacle of earthquakes, volcanoes, and severe storms by following scientists on their quests to understand how natural disasters are triggered. Learn what is being done to predict and prepare for these events. Narrated by Kevin Bacon. Includes bonus program: The Making of Forces of Nature, and a photo gallery.

Chronos : a visual and musical journey through time, 2006.

1 videodisc (45 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Explores the essence of time through time-lapse photography across worlds of natural beauty and manmade monuments.

Moon Man, 2004.

(ca. 4 min.)

Summary: Codfish Dan is a folk hero. One night, he went fishing on the Milky Way, and the results of that legendary catch are still making Newfoundland history. Moon Man is a stereoscopic animated short from Paul Morstad inspired by the song "Moon Man Newfie," composed and sung by Canadian music legend Stompin' Tom Connors. Moon Man is the National Film Board of Canada's second animation film using the revolutionary IMAX SANDETM digital system, which enables animators to draw and animate 3D images in space with a moving wand.

Maya techniques : the making of Ryan, 2004.

1 videodisc (ca. 210 min) + 1 computer optical disc.

Contents: Character modeling -- Skeletal anatomy -- The double skeleton approach -- Creating hair with Maya paint effects -- Sketch effects -- Smear effects -- Independent film production.

Microcosmos : le peuple de l'herbe, 2009.

(72 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: A close-up examination of the lives of insects in a French meadow, using time lapse and microphotographic techniques.

Solarmax, 2010.

(40 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: A breathtaking exploration into the awesome vastness and mysterious power of Earth's closest star. Take a unique journey through time and space and experience the sun's severe force and beauty. Witness a total eclipse and the magnificence of the Aurora Borealis, viewed from both Earth and space.

La bayadere, 2010.

(133 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Exotic and mysterious India serves as the backdrop to this story of doomed love between the warrior Solor and the bayadere, Nikiya, who is killed by her jealous rival, Gamzatti. Starring Isabelle Guerin, Laurent Hilaire, and Elisabeth Platel.

Ring of fire, 2011.

(38 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Get heart-stoppingly close to the great circle of volcanoes and seismic activity that rings the Pacific Ocean. Feel the heat as cameras go to the birth of a new volcano in Chile, and relive history with rare and spectacular images of the infamous 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens, and much more. This program is narrated by Robert Foxworth.

Romeo & Juliet, 2010.

(150 min.)

Blu-ray

Summary: Choreographed by Rudolf Nureyev, this stunning Paris Opera Ballet production of Sergei Prokofiev's Romeo & Juliet was performed at the Opera Bastille. The exceptional cast was chosen by Nureyev himself and stars Manuel Legris and Monique Loudieres.

Visions of the great cities of Europe, 2009.

10 videodiscs (ca. 915 min.)

Summary: Explores the most scenic views of Italy, France, Austria, Germany, and various European cities through aerial footage.

Contents: Visions of Italy : northern style -- Visions of Italy : southern style -- Visions of Sicily -- Visions of Italy : the great cities -- Visions of France : Provence -- Visions of France : the Riviera -- Visions of Greece -- Visions of Greece : off the beaten path -- Visions of Austria -- Visions of Germany : Bavaria -- Visions of Germany : along the Rhine -- Visions of the great cities of Europe.

Rivers and tides : Andy Goldsworthy working with time, 2001.

(90 min.)

Summary: An extraordinary journey into the world and mind of Scottish sculptor Andy Goldsworthy, as he creates with ice, driftwood, bracken, leaves, stone, dirt, and snow in open fields, beaches, rivers, creeks, and forests.