

## Eclectic Sets Vampire DVD

Music Video Distributor's Eclectic DVD line will deliver the "second coming" on Jan. 28 in the form of *Canadian* director Lee Demarbre's wildly irreverent *Jesus Christ Vampire Hunter*. Hey, and these aren't just any vampires, they're an army of lesbian vampires no less.



The DVD arrives with a tag-team commentary (director, writer and stars of the film) and a slew of extras, including outtakes and deleted scenes.

## Peckinpah's Dogs Gets Criterion Nod

Action director Sam Peckinpah's 1971 thriller, *Straw Dogs*, starring Dustin Hoffman and Susan George as a husband and wife under siege by local toughs in a remote Cornish village gets the royal DVD treatment by Criterion this Mar. 25.



A new digital transfer of the uncut version is promised, along with a commentary track by film scholar Stephen Prince. Behind the scenes footage, and other goodies are also featured.

In other DVD news from Criterion, Swedish director Lasse Hallstrom's 1985 release of *My Life as a Dog* has been tabbed for a Mar. 11 DVD bow. There's also Hallstrom's 1973 short film *Shall We Go To My Place, Or Your Place, Or Go Home Along?* included in the package of DVD extras.

Also, Robert Bresson's 1945 film, *Les Dames du Bois de Boulogne* has a Mar. 11 date as well.

## BCI Tackles Spanish Market

Southern California-based BCI-Eclipse/Brentwood announced its latest round of multi-title DVDs for delivery on Feb. 4. For those familiar with the company's unique line of multi-disc products, the ten titles included in the next round feature four Spanish language DVDs.

Arriving on five DVD-10 discs in one package, and priced at just \$19.98, *Accion Estupenda* features ten Spanish language films—this is a new market for BCI, which has specialized in independent and action-laced themes for its extensive selection of four-title and ten-title DVD packages.



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That tradition holds true here with the four-film packaged dubbed simply *Civil War*, which brings director William Cameron Menzies' 1951 Civil War story *Drums in the Deep South* to DVD. Others included in this package are *Hellbenders* (with Joseph Cotten), *Blood and Honor* (with Miles O'Keefe) and from 1936, *Hearts in Bondage*, starring Mae Clarke and James Dunn.

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## Columbia-TriStar Adds 19 To First Quarter

Columbia-TriStar has added another 19 titles to the first quarter of 2003, bringing the total thus far to 57 new DVD releases (more will certainly be added in the next few weeks). See page 2 for a complete listing.

These 19 are a diverse lot indeed, from foreign language to children's fare; from art house entries to theatrical catalog offerings.

In no particular order, there's Director George Hickenlooper's critically praised *The Man From Elysian Fields* (ARR of 172 days; box office take of \$1.4 million) set for a DVD debut on Mar. 18—as is writer/director Paul Schrader's *Auto Focus*, a lurid tale of the final days of Hogan's Heroes Bob Crane (played here by Greg Kinnear). ARR for *Auto Focus* is 151 days and the box office take for this overlooked film was a dismal \$1.98 million.

Also getting a DVD date is French filmmaker Luc Besson's *Atlantis*—look for it on Mar. 4.

## New Concorde's Demon Slayer Set

Making his debut under legendary filmmaker Roger Corman's New Concorde DVD banner is writer/director James Cotten's *Demon Slayer*. Street date for this creepy horror tale set in an abandoned mental hospital is Apr. 22.

Also getting an Apr. 8 date is prolific filmmaker Jim Wynorski's latest jewel, *Treasure Hunt*, which features bikini-clad bimbos stranded on a remote island with a crazed killer.

