



LITTLE BRITAIN: THE COMPLETE COLLECTION

[Warner Home Entertainment]

Broadcast on: BBC Canada

Genres: Sketch comedy, Live

What It's About: Launched as a TV pilot in 2003 after two successful seasons on BBC Radio, *Little Britain* is a series of sketches written and for the most part totally executed by the duo of Matt Lucas and David Walliams. Now this ground-breaking comedic series has been released as an eight-disc boxed set containing all the episodes as well as the Comedy Relief special, which includes some hysterical content from Sir Elton John, George Michael and Robbie Williams. Characters like Vicky Pollard, Dafydd Thomas (The Only Gay In The Village) and Lou and Andy have worked their way into the British lexicon, and the sketch content is both outrageous and offensive in a Monty Python tongue-in-cheek fashion.

Can't See It Working: A proposed US version on HBO. **Key Extras:** Over 12 hours of deleted footage, outtakes and TV interviews, including Walliams' successful English Channel swim and the never-before-released *Little Britain Abroad* which features Andy and Lou heading to Disney World, Vicky Pollard busted in a Thai jail, and Dafydd vacationing on the Greek island of Mykonos.

ONE TREE HILL: THE COMPLETE FOURTH SEASON

[Warner Home Entertainment]

In stores: Dec. 18

Genres: Teen, Drama

Broadcast on: The CW

What It's About: A teen drama centred around basketball-playing brothers Lucas and Nathan Scott (played by Chad Michael Murray and James Lafferty), this intelligent series has outlasted similar shows like *The O.C.* by spinning compelling and believable storylines.

This Season: Who murdered the brothers' uncle is the central focus of season four's 21 episodes, but the series also intelligently plays out the graduation scenario which has messed up previous series like *The O.C.* and *Dawson's Creek*.

The Spin: The key characters pledge to return to their famous outdoor basketball court five years later... which is where season five will pick up.

Key Extras: Cast interviews, bloopers, deleted scenes



BOB & DOUG MCKENZIE'S TWO-FOUR ANNIVERSARY:

TRUE HOSER'S COLLECTORS EDITION

[Vivendi]

Genres: Comedy, Canadian, TV

Context: Talk to Americans in 1981 about their image of Canadians and they will unanimously point to Bob and Doug McKenzie (Rick Moranis and Dave Thomas), characters on 'The Great White North' segment of the SCTV television show. Their two-minute, nonsensical, ad-libbed segments – full of references to beer, back bacon and toques; their catch-phrases ('take off, eh!', 'beauty, eh!' and Doug's signature call 'coo roo coo coo, coo roo coo coo!') – not only got them a host spot on *Saturday Night Live* but also spawned a hit album

and a feature movie.

Contents: Hosted by former Prime Minister Paul Martin, *Two-Four Anniversary* contains seven classic 'Great White North' sketches, footage from their 2007 TV special, plus interviews with celebrity friends including Ben Stiller, Tom Green and *Simpsons* creator Matt Groening.

Bonus Features: Sort-of-famous people talking about Bob & Doug, an audio-only playback of 'Take Off' and 'Twelve Days Of Christmas', original McKenzie commercials, and a beer opener



THE TUDORS: THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON - UNCUT EDITION

[Peace Arch Entertainment]

Broadcast on: CBC

Genres: History, Drama

The Hook: Sexy Irish actor Jonathan Rhys Meyers (*Velvet Goldmine*, *Match Point*)

History vs. Historical Drama: Showtime's *The Tudors* does a great job of bringing history alive with this 10-episode telling of the story of King Henry VIII. Rhys Meyers' young Henry is vital, vibrant and wanton – his appetites know few bounds, especially when it comes to the young ladies who populate his court. Historians could quibble about its historical accuracy – i.e. don't watch this to research that essay on Henry – but the scheming, machinations and sex that go on do have some basis in historical fact.

Key Extras: Cast & crew interviews, bloopers and outtakes

QUEEN: ROCK MONTREAL + LIVE AID

[Eagle Vision]

Two classic live performances: the first in 1981 at the Montreal Forum and the second, their spectacular 1985 Live Aid set at London's Wembley Stadium. Queen were just hitting their stride as a live act in '81, but the performance is strong enough, although we could have done without the sight of Freddie Mercury in white shorts and nothing else. The real payoff is Live Aid; the sight of 85,000 fans clapping in unison to 'Radio Ga Ga' is truly awesome.

Key Extras: A brief backstage interview before Live Aid, a Live Aid rehearsal clip and a brief US promo



AMY WINEHOUSE: I TOLD YOU I WAS TROUBLE - LIVE IN LONDON

[Universal]

The controversial but undeniably talented British soul singer gives a coherent performance in front of an adoring crowd at London's Shepherd's Bush Empire theatre.

Key tracks: 'Tears Dry On Their Own', 'Love Is A Losing Game', 'Rehab'

Key Extra: 'I Told You I Was Trouble', a featuring Winehouse, her father, her A&R man and fans. Wino's drug and alcohol troubles aren't discussed, of course, but the underlying insecurities which likely feed into her addictions are.



KISS LOVES YOU

[MVD]

Director Jim Heneghan spent some ten years documenting the world of KISS fans, from fan-organized conventions to the competition between tribute bands. The result, *KISS Loves You*, is a quirky but entertaining look at rock fans of the highest order, who have taken it upon themselves to worship their heroes in their own way. The dramatic crux comes when the widely reviled unmasked KISS announces their return to the greasepaint in 1996.

Key Extras: Outtakes, silent Super-8 footage of KISS in Stockholm shot in 1976



BILLY TALENT: 666

[Warner Music Canada]

Contains: Six songs each from the hard-working Canadian quartet's shows at the Brixton Academy in London, Philipshalle in Dusseldorf, Germany, and the Rock Am Ring Festival in Nurburgring, Germany.

Verdict: Solid performances and funny interview clips make this indispensable for BT fans, if only to see the love the band inspires overseas and singer Ben Kowalewicz's growing tattoo collection.

Getting Tired: Kowalewicz's continued public exorcism of the "f**king bitch" who inspired their song 'The Ex'

Not-So-Key Extra: Photo gallery

Also available: A three-disc deluxe package includes the complete Dusseldorf and Brixton shows on DVD and an audio CD of the complete Dusseldorf show

