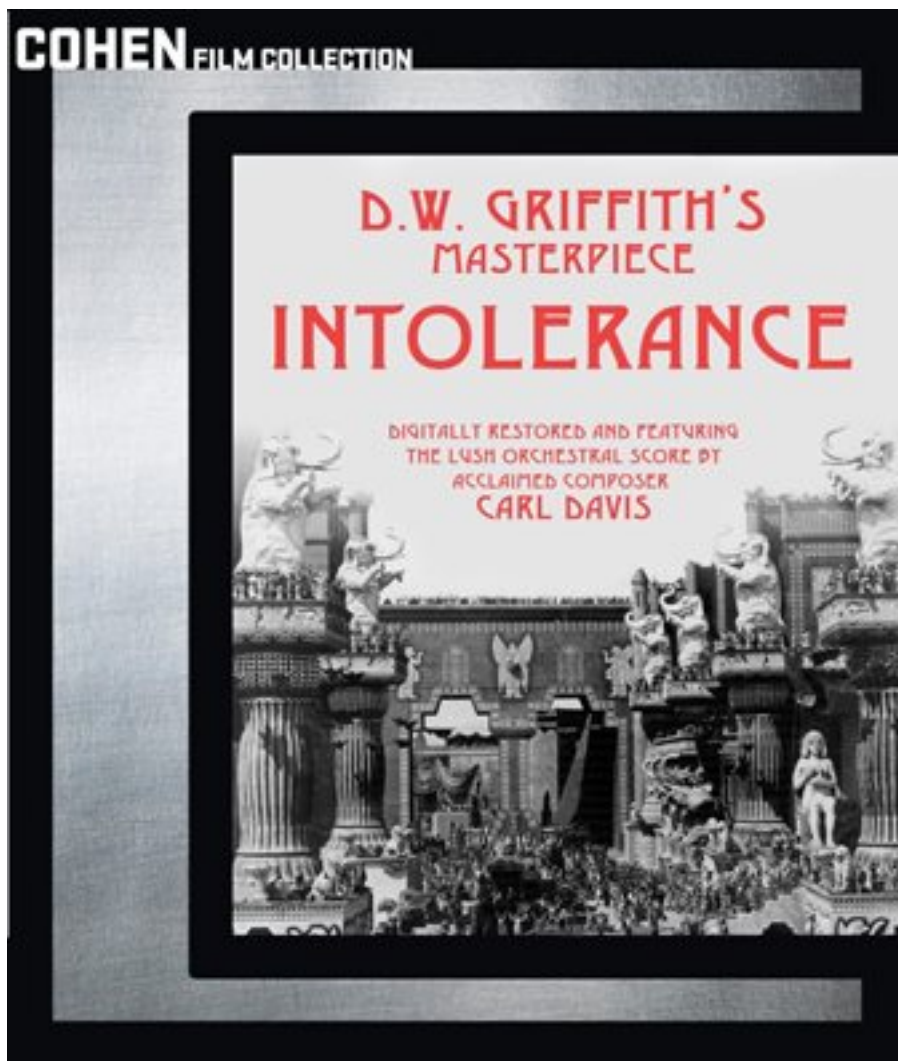


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CHICAGO – Another week of a hodge podge of new Blu-ray, DVD, and streaming releases that we call What to Watch. Looking for something new? Something very old? Something rare? Something from TV? There's a little bit of everything and even a story about porn too. Check it out, ranked in how interesting I find them.



Intolerance

*Photo credit: Cohen Media Group*

### “Intolerance”

“Intolerance” would be a massive, amazing undertaking in 2013. Can you even put in perspective what it was like 100 years ago? Arguably one of the most important and influential silent films ever made, “Intolerance” runs almost three hours and covers centuries of storytelling. It’s a fascinating film both in the history of cinema and the way it addressed cultural concerns of the time. Cohen Media Group continues to

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expertly restore and highlight great films. They're quickly rising the ranks of the most important Blu-ray studios working today.

**Synopsis:**

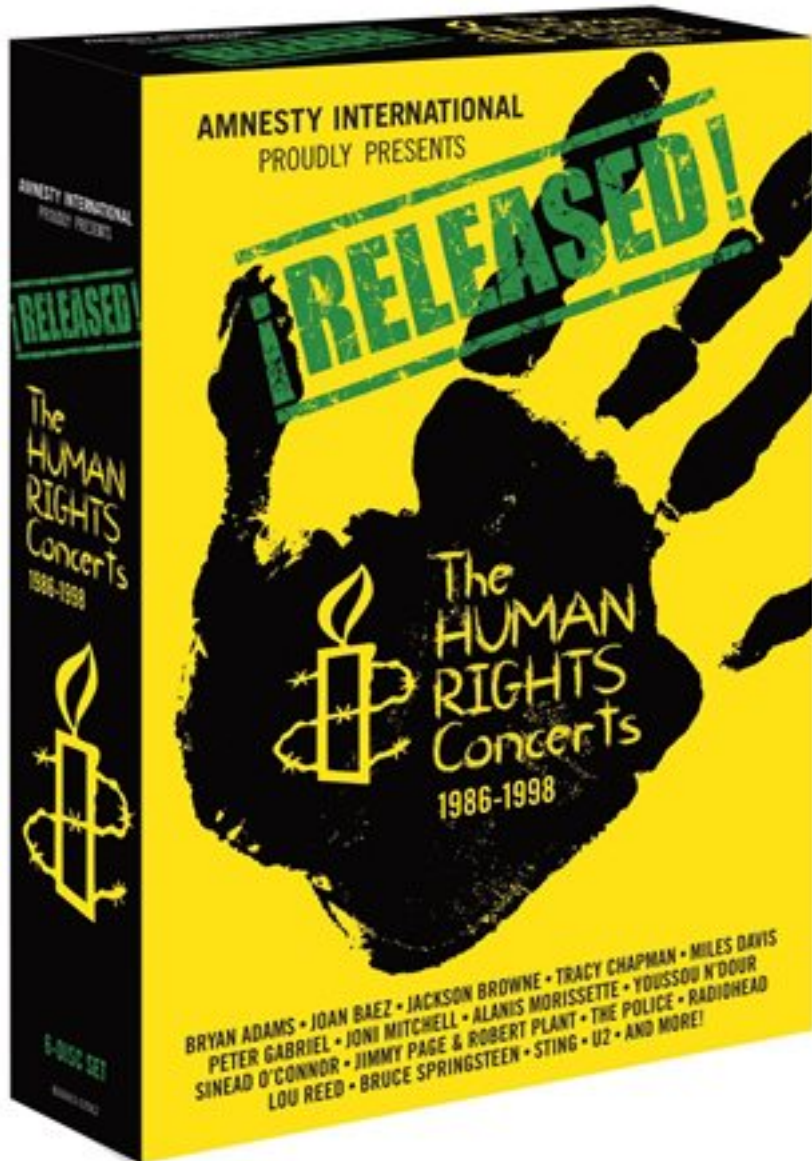
In this cinematic milestone, director D.W. Griffith utilized enormous sets and thousands of extras in order to stage his cinematic exploration of Intolerance and it's terrible effects throughout history - from Ancient Babylon and Biblical Judea to Medieval Paris and Modern America.

**Special Features:**

- o The Fall Of Babylon And Mother And The Law Accompanied By New Scores By The Mont Alto Motion Picture Orchestra
- o 2013 Bonus Featurette With Historian Kevin Brownlow
- o New Essays By Cineaste Editor Richard Porton and Historian William M. Drew
- o Theatrical Re-Release Trailer

Where to Watch: Blu-ray

Where to Watch Not Remastered: Netflix, Amazon Instant Streaming, Vudu, iTunes



Released: The Human Rights Concerts 1986-1998

Photo credit: Shout Factory

**“Released: The Human Rights Concerts 1986-1998”**

We try to include one hard-to-find, unique release every week and this edition's is a glorious package that features hours of live music from some of the most talented artists of the last century. The Boss, Peter Gabriel, Joni Mitchell, U2, and many more in footage from Amnesty International concerts that have never been on DVD before. This would make a great gift for music fans in your family this holiday season and is only available on DVD.

**Synopsis:**

The Nobel Peace Prize-winning organization Amnesty International presented the legendary Human Rights Concerts between 1986 and 1998 to raise consciousness and funds for the worldwide struggle for human rights. Now they are “RELEASED!”

6 DVDs packed with historic live concert performances and extra features!

**1986: A Conspiracy of Hope**

5 hours including over 50 songs by U2 The Police Peter Gabriel, Bryan Adams Joni Mitchell Miles Davis Jackson Browne Joan Baez & Aaron Neville Joan Armatrading Lou Reed and more!

**1988: Human Rights Now!**

3 hours including 19 songs by Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band Sting Peter Gabriel Youssou N Dour Tracy Chapman and more!

**1990: An Embrace of Hope**

71 minutes including 10 songs by Sting Sinead O'Connor Jackson Browne Peter Gabriel Wynton Marsalis and more!

1998: The Struggle Continues...

2 1/2 hours including 28 songs by Radiohead Bruce Springsteen Jimmy Page & Robert Plant Alanis Morissette Peter Gabriel with Youssou N'Dour Tracy Chapman and more!

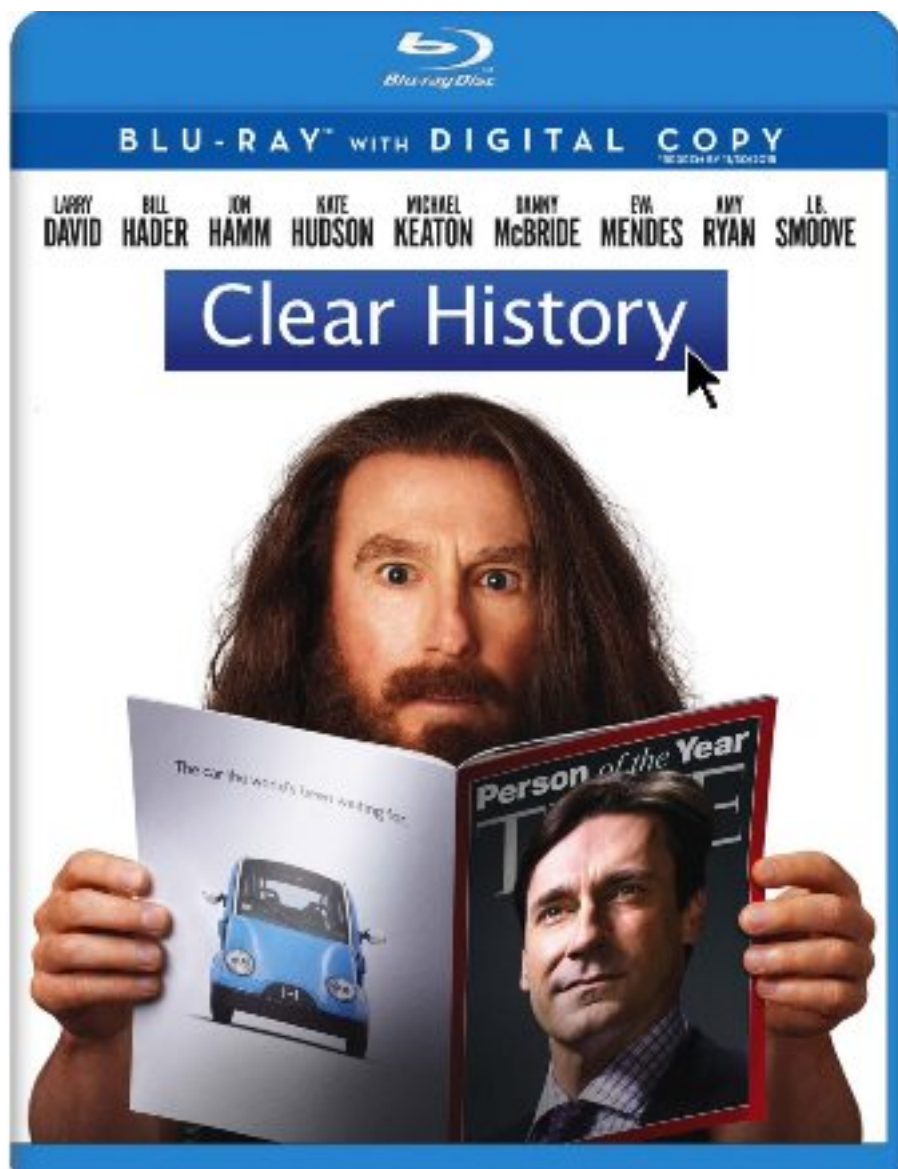
Other performers include:

Bob Geldof Third World The Hooters Peter, Paul & Mary Steven Van Zandt Ruben Blades Howard Jones The Neville Brothers Inti-Illimani New Kids On The Block Asian Dub Foundation Kassav' Shania Twain Carlos Santana and Fela Kuti.

Special Features:

- o 32 individual segments (totaling 4¾ hours) of companion content
- o In-depth documentary about the concert series featuring new interviews with Bruce Springsteen, Sting, Bono, Peter Gabriel, Pete Townshend and more
- o Exclusive new 20-minute interview with Bruce Springsteen
- o Exclusive new 20-minute interview with Sting
- o Peter Gabriel's home movies of 1986 tour - including backstage scenes and legendary late-night all-star jam!
- o Interviews and Amnesty testimonials featuring major music & movie stars
- o Additional stage and studio performances for Amnesty (1979-2012) by Bono, Jeff Beck, David Byrne, Coldplay, Green Day, Mumford & Sons, Ozzy Osbourne, Joe Perry, Damien Rice, Seal, Pete Seeger, Sting & The Secret Police, Pete Townshend, John Williams and Evan Rachel Wood

Where to Watch: DVD



Clear History

Photo credit: HBO

### “Clear History”

Fans of Larry David waiting for a new season of “Curb Your Enthusiasm” will have something to make the long break between seasons a bit easier to bear.

From my [TV review](#) [27]: “I’d be lying if I didn’t admit to a few good solid laughs while watching “Clear History.” They’re too few and far between and I’d take a new season of “Curb” over this movie any time but there’s enough connection with the funny bone to warrant a look on a Saturday night. Remember that this faint recommendation is coming from a fan of David’s comedy and so, I suppose, I’ll take what I can get.”

Synopsis:

Written by and starring HBO favorite Larry David (Curb Your Enthusiasm, Seinfeld) and directed by Greg Mottola (Superbad), Clear History is a new HBO Films comedy about a man who lost out on millions – over the name of a car. Ten years ago, Nathan Flomm (Larry David) had a successful career as the head of marketing for a start-up electric car company, but a disagreement with his boss Will Haney (Jon Hamm) led Nathan to walk away and sell back his shares of the company’s stock. Soon after, the company became one of the most successful companies in the world, leaving Nathan reeling over the 10% he gave up that would’ve been worth millions. The resulting public humiliation

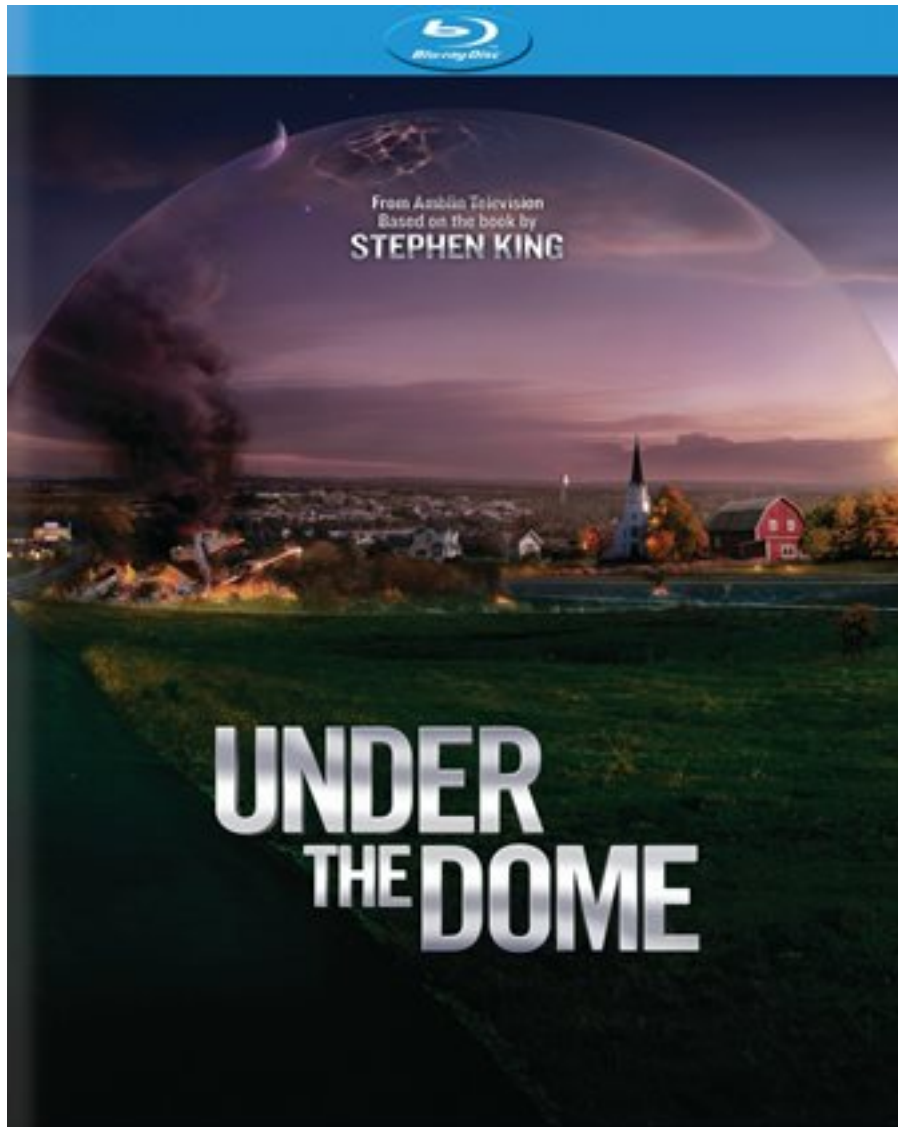


sent Nathan fleeing for exile. A decade later, Nathan lives a simple life on Martha's Vineyard and goes by the alias "Rolly DeVore." But when Will shows up, Nathan/Rolly vows to drive his nemesis off the island before his true identity is uncovered.

Special Features:

- o Digital Copy

Where to Watch: HBO Go, Blu-ray, DVD, Vudu, iTunes



Under the Dome

Photo credit: Paramount

### “Under the Dome”

Was there a more divisive show this year than the CBS hit? More and more people told me they were frustrated by it every week and yet the ratings stayed strong. Will it continue into a season two for which the writers never really planned? It helps that Paramount has put together a solid Blu-ray set for the show, one that will likely find its way under a few Christmas trees. With strong transfers and interesting special features, this is the best TV-on-DVD release of the week.

From my [TV review](#) [28]: “*There’s enough to like about the first episode but it was the only one sent for review and this is the kind of production that could fall into goofy plotting and silly dialogue soon. For now, I’m engaged, and more so then I thought I would be given CBS’s recent dramatic track record, but don’t yell at me in a month if it sucks.*”

Synopsis:

From Amblin Television and based on the bestselling book by Stephen King, Under the Dome is “classic drama executed well” - NY Daily News. The small town of Chester’s Mill is suddenly and inexplicably sealed off from the rest of the world by a massive transparent barrier. Staring Mike Vogel, Rachelle Lefevre, Dean Norris, Natalie Martinez, Britt Robertson, Alexander Koch, Colin Ford, Nicholas Strong, Jolene Purdy and Aisha Hinds, the epic story of a town in peril unfolds as the residents struggle to maintain control and ultimately figure out the truth about the dome.

Special Features:

- o Under The Dome: Filming The Pilot
- o The World Of Under The Dome
- o Stephen King And Under The Dome
- o Under The Dome: From Novel To Series
- o Under The Dome: The First Season
- o Joe’s Blog
- o Gag Reel
- o Deleted Scenes

Where to Watch: Blu-ray, DVD, Amazon Instant Streaming



Passion

Photo credit: eOne

### “Passion”

Brian De Palma is back! Sorta. Maybe. This remake is a bit inconsistent and ends in a truly unsatisfying way but there’s way more life here than De Palma has shown in recent crap like “Redacted” and “The Black Dahlia.” Maybe he’s still got another masterpiece in him. “Passion” at least gives me a little more hope that such a thing is possible.

From my [film review](#) [29]: *“It’s certainly not the home run that fans of “Dressed to Kill” or “Blow Out” still hold out hope for the director to deliver but it’s proof that this very stylish filmmaker hasn’t completely thrown in the towel like some of his ‘70s and ‘80s peers. It starts a little slow and ends a little crazy but there’s more to like about “Passion” than I ever would have expected.”*

#### Synopsis:

Brian De Palma returns to the sleek, sly, seductive territory of Dressed To Kill with an erotic corporate thriller fueled by sex, ambition, image, envy and the dark, murderous side of passion. Rachel McAdams and Noomi Rapace star as two female executives whose fierce competition to rise up the ranks is about to turn literally cut-throat.

#### Special Features:

- o Interviews With Brian De Palma, Rachel McAdams and Noomi Rapace

Where to Watch: Blu-ray, DVD, Amazon Instant Streaming, Vudu, iTunes



Best Man Down

*Photo credit: Magnolia*

### “Best Man Down”

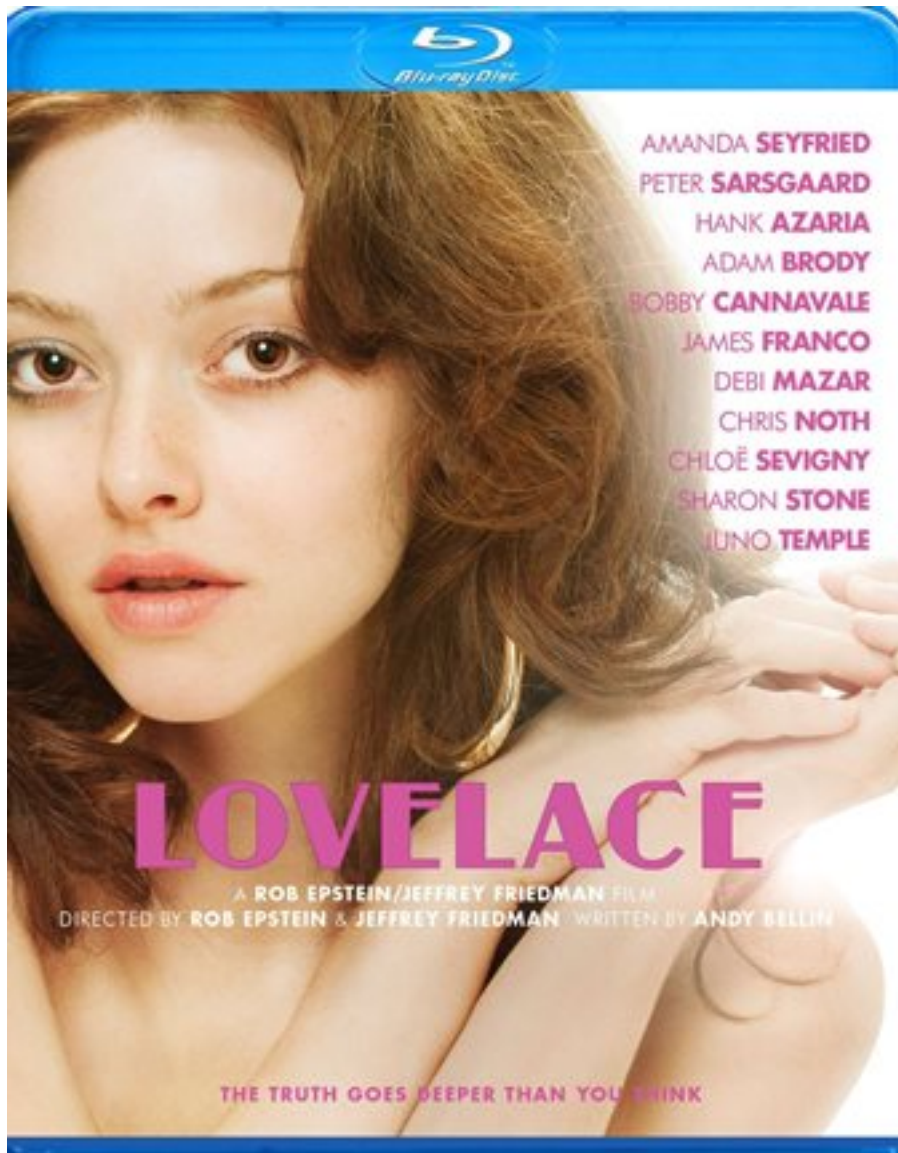
This week’s On Demand/Pre-Theatrical offering is a weird hybrid. In one film, Justin Long and Jess Weixler star in a horrendous road movie about a newly-married couple forced to travel after the death of their Best Man. In the other, we flash back to said Best Man’s recent life and there’s a sweet drama about two lost souls coming together. Labine is very good (he always is) and Addison Timlin could be a future star but the writing in the Long-Weixler half is downright unbearable, especially in the unbelievably cruel way her character comes off after the death of her new husband’s close friend. Don’t pay the extra On Demand fee. Wait till cable or streaming for Labine/Timlin and fast forward through the other stuff.

#### Synopsis:

When their obnoxious and over-served best man, Lumpy (Labine) unexpectedly dies at their destination wedding in Phoenix, bride and groom Kristin (Weixler) and Scott (Long) are forced to cancel their honeymoon and fly home to the snowy Midwest to arrange for his funeral. But when they arrive they realize that there was a lot more to their friend than met the eye.

Where to Watch: On Demand, Vudu, Amazon Instant Streaming, iTunes, In Theaters on 11/8





Lovelace

Photo credit: Anchor Bay

### “Lovelace”

Ugh. Another cautionary tale about the porn industry that completely misses the opportunity to comment on the rise of adult films in the '70s, the true dangers of finding fame in it, or what happened after the spotlight faded. It's so predictable and stunningly boring, highlighted by some truly horrendous performances, particularly an overcooked Sharon Stone. Go rent “Boogie Nights” again instead.

From Patrick McDonald's [film review](#) [30] (he liked it a lot more than I did...click for the counterpoint): “*The final dark comedy joke in “Lovelace” is that “Deep Throat” eventually brought in an estimated 600 million dollars in profit. Shadowy figures and hustlers bought houses, funded retirements and paid off politicians on the back of Linda’s one “performance” – for which she was paid \$2500. In essence, “Deep Throat” does represent America, the part that completely gets screwed.*”

#### Synopsis:

In 1972 - before the internet - Deep Throat was a phenomenon: the first scripted pornographic theatrical feature film, featuring a story, some jokes, and an unknown star, Linda Lovelace (Amanda Seyfried). Escaping a strict religious family, Linda discovered freedom and the high-life when she fell for and married charismatic hustler Chuck Traynor (Peter Sarsgaard). As Linda Lovelace she became an international sensation, fully inhabiting her new identity, Linda became an enthusiastic spokesperson for sexual freedom. Six years later she presented another, utterly contradictory, narrative to the world... and herself as the survivor of a far darker story.

#### Special Features:

- o Behind Lovelace

Where to Watch: Blu-ray, DVD, Amazon Instant Streaming, Vudu, iTunes



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