

DVD Round Up, May 7, 2009: ‘Caprica,’ ‘Look,’ ‘Two and a Half Men’

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CHICAGO – The Round-Up is back with a house-cleaning version of our legendary column that brings five titles together that have almost nothing in common other than the fact that they might have slipped under your radar as you were busy spring cleaning. A Bollywood musical, an indie film, a new TV show, an old one, and a foreign one. We’ve got something for everyone.

“Caprica” was released on Tuesday, April 21st, 2009.

“Chandni Chowk to China,” “Gavin and Stacey: Season One,” and “Look” were released on Tuesday, May 5th, 2009.

“Two and a Half Men: Season Five” will be released on Tuesday, May 12th, 2009.

“Caprica”



Synopsis: “An astonishing breakthrough is taking shape on the planet “Caprica”. The rapidly evolving spheres of human and mechanical engineering have collided, along with the fates of two families. Joined by tragedy in an explosive instant of terror, two rival clans led by powerful patriarchs, Joseph Adama (Esai Morales) and Daniel Graystone (Eric Stoltz), duel in in era of questionable ethics, corporate machinations and unbridled personal ambition as the final war for humanity looms.”

“Caprica,” from the Executive Producers of “Battlestar Galactica,” stars Eric Stoltz, Esai Morales, Paula Malcomson, Alessandra Toreson, Magda Apanowicz, and Polly Walker. It was written by Jane Espenson and Ryan Mottesheard and is unrated. The film is presented in anamorphic widescreen with a 1.78:1 aspect ration and accompanied by a Dolby Digital 5.1 audio track.

Special features on “Caprica” include a feature commentary with director Jeffrey Reiner, executive producer/writer Ronald D. Moore, and executive producer David Eick, deleted scenes, and video blogs.

“Chandni Chowk to China”



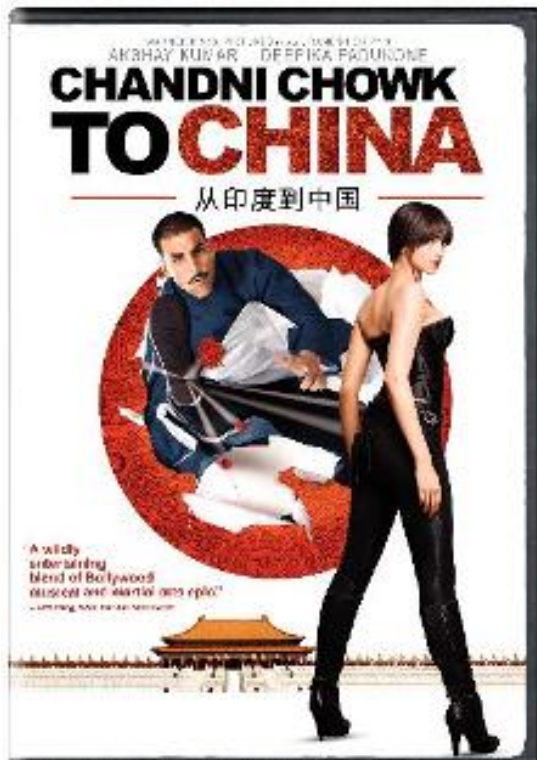


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Synopsis: “Have you ever dreamed of being more than your circumstances? Sidhu (Askay Kumar) longs to escape his dreary existence cutting vegetables at a road-side food stand in Chandni Chowk, one of the oldest and busiest markets in Delhi, India. When two strangers from China proclaim he is the reincarnation of a Chinese war hero, Sidhu envisions fame, fortune and adventure. Journeying with them back to China, Sidhu meets the alluring Sakhi (Deepika Padukone) and love blossoms. But can it survive the vicious smuggler, Hojo (Gordon Liu) and his cadre of kung-fu assassins?

Megalomaniacal villains, crazy inventors, Chinese mystics and outlandish kung-fu assassins all get thrown together in this joyful, uplifting adventure full of beautiful landscapes, attention-grabbing songs, and high energy dancing.

Featuring top Bollywood actors Akshay Kumar and Deepika Padukone and produced by acclaimed father and son duo, Ramesh and Rohan Sippy, Chandni Chowk to China promises to excite.”

“Chandni Chowk to China” stars Mithun Chakraborty, Akshay Kumar, Jun Li, Chia Hui Liu, Chang En Lu, Deepika Padukone, Ranvir, Shorey Conan Stevens, Kevin Wu, and Roger Yuan. It was written by Shridhard Raghavan & Rajat Aroraa and directed by Nikhil Advani. It is not rated. The film is presented in matted widescreen with a Hindi Dolby Surround 5.1 track.

Special features on “Chandni Chowk to China” include additional scenes.

“Gavin and Stacey: Season One”

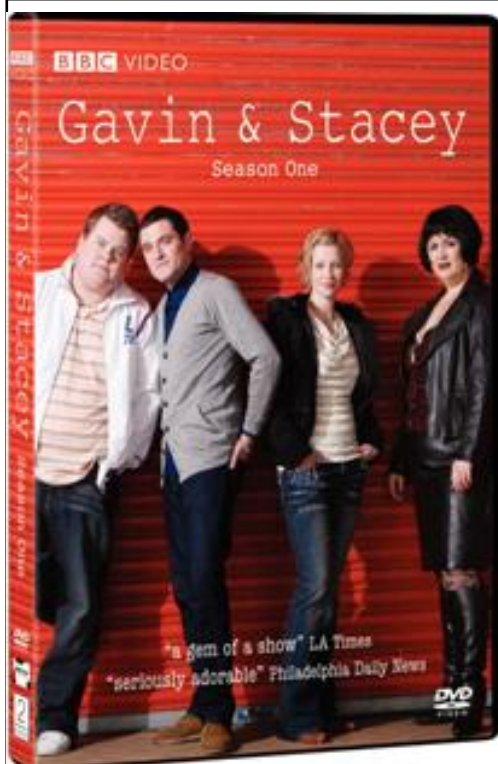


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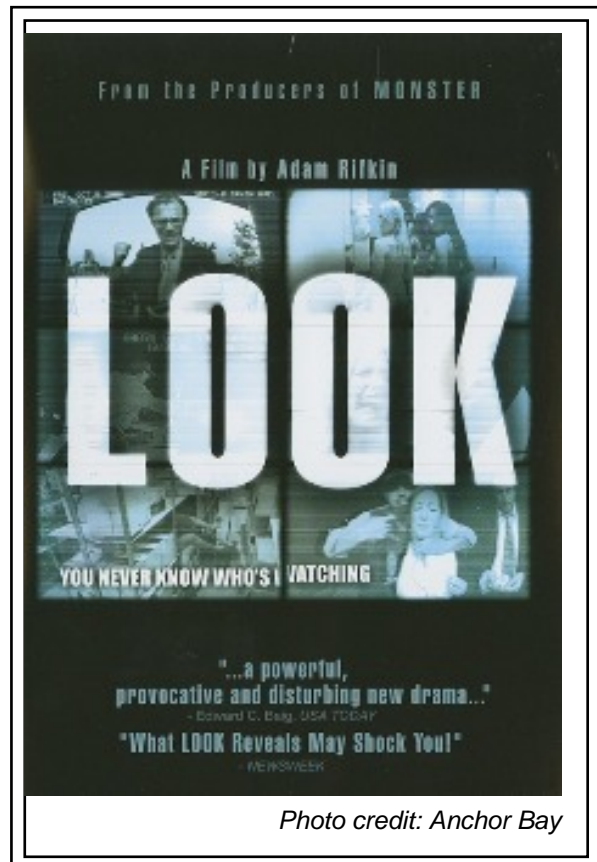
Synopsis: “Gavin is an ordinary boy from England, Stacey is an ordinary girl from Wales. They speak every day on the phone at work, and yet they’ve never met... until now. But when Gavin and Stacey finally meet and their ordinary worlds come together, we see, through their families, their friends and their differences, that there’s no such thing as ‘ordinary’ after all.”

“Gavin & Stacey” stars Alison Steadman, Rob Brydon, Larry Lamb, Joanna Page, Matthew Horne, Melanie Walters, James Corden, and Ruth Jones. The show was written by James Corden & Ruth Jones and directed by Christine Gernon. It is not rated. The show is presented in widescreen with a Dolby Stereo track.

Special features on “Gavin & Stacey” include “How It Happened,” outtakes, “Behind the Scenes in Leicester Square,” and audio

commentaries with Ruth Jones, James Corden, and Christina Gernon.

“Look”

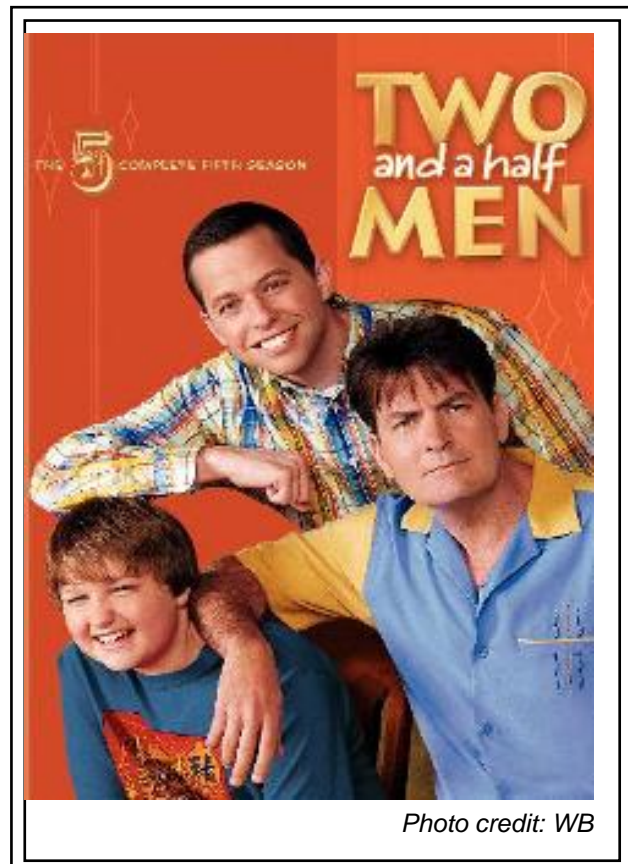


Synopsis: “There are an estimated 30 million surveillance cameras in the United States. On any given day, the average American is captured approximately 200 times. Every one of us is constantly being observed at our jobs, on the street, while shopping, and sometimes even in our own homes. Every one of our secrets, lies, crimes and most private moments are all being recorded. But who is watching us? Rhys Colro (Entourage), Hayes MacArthur (The Game Plan), Jamie McShane (24) and Spencer Redford star in this award-winning drama from writer/director Adam Rifkin that takes the ultimate look at our “big brother” world.”

“Look” stars Hayes MacArthur and Jamie McShane. The film was written and directed by Adam Rifkin and is presented in anamorphic widescreen with a 1.78:1 aspect ratio and accompanied by a Dolby Surround 5.1 audio track.

Special features on “Look” include “A LOOK Behind the Scenes,” audio commentary with writer/director Adam Rifkin, producers Brad Wyman and Barry Schuler, and actor Hayes MacArthur, alternate & deleted scenes, “Director Adam Rifkin: Outtakes,” trailer, and TV spot.

“Two and a Half Men: Season Five”



Synopsis: “Televisions #1 comedy celebrates five seasons of funny with big laughs and hilarious new storylines. Charlie (Charlie Sheen) tops the charts as kiddie-song sensation Charlie Waffles. Alan (Jon Cryer) at last meets the perfect woman who just happens to be dating Charlie. Jake (Angus T. Jones) starts junior high, armed with reams of “helpful” advice from Alan and Charlie. Evelyn (Holland Taylor) ties the knot for the fifth time (lots of guests at the wedding, lots of cops at the reception). And as always, Berta (Conchata Ferrell) deals with it all by dealing out a royal flush of deadpan zingers. The guys are in and the welcome mat is out at everyone's favorite Malibu beach house. Have a great time!”

"Two and a Half Men: Season Five" stars Charlie Sheen, Jon Cryer, Angus T. Jones, Marin Hinkle, Conchata Ferrell, and Holland Taylor. The show as created by Chuck Lorre is not rated. The show is presented in widescreen in Dolby Surround Stereo.

Special features include "Two and a Half Men at 100," "The Lore of Chuck Lorre: Must Pause TV The Genesis and Evolution of His Vanity Cards at the End of Each Episode," "Two and a Half Men Dying is Easy, Comedy is Hard: Chronicling the Crossover Episodes Between Writing Teams of Two and a Half Men and CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," and Bonus Episode: CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Two and a Half Deaths.



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