

Basicon 2 Video Programme: Saturday (Media)

Media comes in many forms, from books to film, from music to computer networks. Any form of communication is a medium. Here's some videos that explore various media. We've included several Saturday Morning cartoons, too. Enjoy.

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9:00 MOT: SPACED OUT (Medium: Video) French cartoon series. Leo and Mot discover the dangers of getting too involved with Science Fiction Videos.

9:24 RUGRATS: HOME MOVIES (Media: Home Movies, Calcography) The Babies make their own version of Home Movies.

9:36 REPTAR ON ICE (Media: Opera, Ice Spectacular) If you're going to see one dinosaur-on-ice show this year, this is it.

9.47 BATMAN (ANIMATED): WHAT IS REALITY? (Media: Computers, Virtual Reality) The Riddler is back, and he's using Virtual Reality.

10:07 THE X FILES: 2SHY ⊗ (Medium: Internet) The moral is, if you're overweight, female and into computers, fat-sucking vampires will get you.

10:50 MONSTERPIECE THEATRE: TWIN BEAKS (Medium: Puppetry) Special Agent Cookie asks the difficult questions and has some darn fine pie.

10:55 ANIMANIACS: KARAOKE DOKIE (Medium: Karaoke) If you've ever heard William Shatner sing, you'll know what to expect.

11:00 ROCKO'S MODERN LIFE: POWER TRIP (Medium: Comics) When Rocko's left in charge of ~~Alternate Worlds~~ Kind Of A Lot 'O Comics, power goes to his head.

11:12 POPCORN PANDEMONIUM (Medium: Film) Rocko and Heffer visit Hoyts the Googaplex Cinema.

11:24 REN AND STIMPY: ROBIN HÖEK (Medium: Bedtime Stories) A timeless tale of dogs in tights.

11:35 AAAHH! REAL MONSTERS: THE ICKIS BOX (Medium: Television) What's mankind's most sinister invention - even worse than soap?

11:47 POPEYE: GREEK MIRTHOLOGY (Medium: Myth) Hoikulese - the Legendary Joinies.

11:54 NATURE MORTE (Paintings) A dark tale of hunger. Computer animated.

11:57 TALKING HEADS: LOVE FOR SALE (Media: Music video, Advertising) We'll be right back after this musical interlude from our sponsors.

12:00 EERIE, INDIANA: BROKEN RECORD (Medium: Satanic Backtracking) Do *Pit Bull Surfers* albums really contain secret messages? And if so, what do they say?

12:24 THE COMIC STRIP PRESENTS: DEMONELLA (Media: Sheet music, recipes) Sometimes the Devil doesn't want your soul. Sometimes it's chicken soup.

12:50 HOW TO KISS (Medium: Non-Verbal Communication) Animator Bill Plympton's definitive guide to kissing.

12:58 STICK FIGURE THEATRE: WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S HENRY ### (Medium: Play) The Bard as you've never seen him before.

1:00 THE SAMURAI: THE MAN FROM EDO (Medium: Royal Proclamation) Episode one of the classic Japanese series. Gun-totin' Shintaro solves a murder mystery.

1:20 THE CLANGERS: MUSIC (Medium: Music) The cult children's series presents extraterrestrial 70s weirdness from Britain.

1:30 FERAL TELEVISION (Medium: TV) Where can a TV run free? How does an individual survive in a totalitarian regime?

1:45 WAR STORY (Medium: Oral History) From the people who brought you Wallace and Gromit, a tall tale of Houses, Heroism and Coal.

1:50 CYCLOPE ⊗ (Medium: Surveillance Cameras) Who's watching the watchers? And what if the watchers can walk?

Saturday (Media) Continued..

- 1:55 ANIMANIACS: YAKKO'S WORLD** (Medium: Cartography) Back by popular demand, though a little geographically dated now. All the countries of the world in song.
- 2:00 THE MONEY OR THE GUN: THE END OF THE WORLD** (Media: Chat Show, Documentary) Vintage Andrew Denton exploring Armageddon, the Apocalypse and the predictive powers of washing machines. Includes the "Doors" version of *Stairway To Heaven*.
- 2:40 THE BEAT MANIFESTO** ☺ (Medium: Poetry) A sheep farmer wants to become a Beat Poet, but first he has to learn the rules.
- 3:00 THE COMIC STRIP PRESENTS: GREGORY, DIARY OF A NUTCASE** ☺ (Media: Home Video, Diary, Films) What goes on in the mind of someone who watches too many serial killer films?
- 3:38 TERRY PRATCHETT'S DISCWORLD: SOUL MUSIC** (Medium: Music) Part one of the new animated series from Britain's Cosgrove Hall. Christopher Lee as Death.
- 4:00 EERIE, INDIANA: SCARIEST HOME VIDEOS** (Media: Home Video, TV, Films) Hallowe'en movies in Eerie have a habit of breaking loose.
- 4:24 THE ACCIDENT REPORT** (Media: Forms, Urban Myths) You've probably heard this story, but it took the Norwegians to put it on film.
- 4:28 STICK FIGURE THEATRE: THE CRASH OF THE HINDENBERG** (Medium: Newsreel) Oh, the humanity!
- 4:30 REVENGE OF THE SUBTITLE: RAPPING YARNS** (Media: Dance, Rap Music, Subtitles) SBS Subtitlers have some fun with an Indian Musical.
- 4:35 DUCKMAN: TV OR NOT TV** (Media: Televangelism, Art) Duckman goes on the trail of a missing religious icon.
- 4:55 REVENGE OF THE SUBTITLE: THE KING OF POP** (Media: Pop Concert, Subtitles) SBS Subtitlers have some fun with an old Epic.
- 5:00 ROCKO'S MODERN LIFE: BOOB TUBED** (Media: Television, Videos) When Rocko buys a big screen TV, Heffer sits too close and gets his brain sucked out.
- 5:12 THE LOUNGE SINGER** (Media: Lounge Music, Motivational Cassettes) Filbert heads for Vegas. "Open mike night is a very dangerous night."
- 5:24 THE YOUNG ONES: NASTY** ☺ (Medium: Have We Got A Video?) YES! We have got a video!
- 6:00 VIDEO ROOM CLOSES.**

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Basicon 2 Video Programme: Sunday (Literature)

Some fans believe that the only way to appreciate Science Fiction is via books. The authors of those books, however, were never that narrow-minded. Here's a selection of visual treats written by or adapted from well-known Science Fiction and Fantasy authors, with a few parodies thrown in for good measure. We hope you like them.

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9:00 1984 (Author: George Orwell)
The definitive 1956 treatment of one of the SF greats, with a strong cast featuring Peter Cushing, Donald Pleasance and Wilfred Brambell. And it only cost £2000 to produce!

10:50 BLAKE'S SEVEN: SARCOPHAGUS
(Author: Tannith Lee) One of the classic Space Opera's better episodes, penned by the Princess Royal of 80s SF and Fantasy. (If you're wondering why, the story goes she was really keen on Avon)

11:40 CAPTAIN SIMIAN AND THE SPACE MONKEYS: PLANET OF THE HUMANS (Author: D.C. Fontana) The slightly twisted animated series starring Jerry Doyle. Check, it's an interspecies thing...

12:00 STAR TREK (ANIMATED): SLAVER WEAPON (Author: Larry Niven) So how do you adapt your Known Space short story to the Trek universe? First change your Puppeteer to a Vulcan...

12:25 TERRY PRATCHETT'S DISCWORLD: SOUL MUSIC (PART 2) (Author: Terry Pratchett) Another taste of the critically acclaimed animated series from Cosgrove Hall.

1:00 NEXT (Author: William Shakespeare) From the people who brought you *Wallace and Gromit*, all of the Bard's plays in five minutes, with most of the words removed. How many can you name?

1:05 TOMORROW CALLING © (Author: William Gibson) British adaption of *The Gernsback Continuum*, where the present meets the Future That Never Was. Art Deco gone crazy!

1:17 NEVERWHERE: EARL'S COURT TO ISLINGTON (Author: Neil Gaiman) A secret world of magic, myth and mystery lurks in London Below. This is Episode Three of the series, but it gives a good overview into many of the characters and includes Frog Golf.

1:45 THE WALRUS AND THE CARPENTER
(Author: Lewis Carroll) Peter Cook and Dudley Moore recreate the classic nonsense poem of cruelty and shellfish.

1:50 GRIM TALES: THE HEDGEHOG AND THE HARE (Collectors: Jakob and Wilhelm Grimm) Rik Mayall spins a yarn of snobbery and cunning, with some bizarre animation.

2:00 THE OUTER LIMITS: DEMON WITH A GLASS HAND (Author: Harlan Ellison) The best use of the Bradbury Building until *Blade Runner*.

2:50 THE TWILIGHT ZONE: LITTLE GIRL LOST (Author: Richard Matheson) One of the Zone's best remembered stories, in which a child is lost in a dimension resembling a bad acid trip.

3:15 RAY BRADBURY THEATRE: A SOUND OF THUNDER (Author: Ray Bradbury) Time-travel! Dinosaurs! Butterflies! This show has it all!

3:40 THE SIMPSONS: SLEEPLESS IN SPRINGFIELD (Authors: Richard Matheson, Ray Bradbury, George Orwell, etc.) An amalgam of *Simpsons* Hallowe'en specials featuring KING HOMER, TIME AND PUNISHMENT and HOMER³ which parody several of the shows on this video programme.

4:00 THE LOST WORLD (Author: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle) A somewhat truncated version of the silent classic, featuring lots of dinosaurs brilliantly animated by Willis O'Brien. Seventy years later, you can see which bits Spielberg and Crichton ripped off.

4:50 LE VOYAGE DANS LA LUNE (Authors: Jules Verne, H.G.Wells) Yes, *that* film. Georges Méliès borrowed liberally from Verne and Wells to make this pioneer phantasmagoria.

4:56 CHARCUTERIE MÉCANIQUE Back by popular demand: *The Mechanical Butcher* - the very first SF film. A pig gets turned into smallgoods.

5:00 VIDEO ROOM CLOSES. Bye bye.