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It's turning into a big day for DVD/Blu-ray news, as Shout! Factory passed Fango the content info for its disc releases of PIRANHA and HUMANOIDS FROM THE DEEP. The aquatic chillers, part of Shout!'s Roger Corman's Cult Classics line, street August 3, and we've also got an animated look at PIRANHA's lenticular DVD cover!

Director Joe Dante and scriptwriter John Sayles' 1978 carnivorous-fish story, starring Bradford Dillman, Heather Menzies, Kevin McCarthy, Keenan Wynn, Barbara Steele and Dick Miller, will be presented in anamorphic 1.78:1 widescreen. Both the DVD and Blu-ray will feature the U.S. poster art on the cover and the international poster on the reverse cover—and, perhaps in ackowledgment of the forthcoming theatrical release of PIRANHA 3D, the DVD edition will come in this lenticular exterior packaging:

Both the DVD and Blu-ray will be fully stocked with extras:

• Audio commentary by Dante and producer Jon Davison

• Behind-the-scenes footage

• "The Making of PIRANHA" featurette, containing new interviews with Corman, Dante, Miller, co-star Belinda Balaski and many others

• Bloopers and outtakes

• Theatrical trailer with commentary by Davison, courtesy of Trailers from Hell

• Still gallery with photos and posters from around the world

• Behind-the-scenes gallery featuring photos from FX artist Phil Tippett's personal collection

• Additional scenes from the network television version

• Radio and TV spots

• New World trailers

HUMANOIDS, the 1980 film about sea monsters seeking to mate with human women, starring Doug McClure, Ann Turkel and Vic Morrow and directed by Barbara Peeters, will be presented in its uncut international edition, also in anamorphic 1.78:1 widescreen. These discs will also sport reversible covers with the U.S. poster art on one side and international poster art on the other; special features on the DVD and Blu-ray include:

• "The Making of HUMANOIDS FROM THE DEEP," featuring new interviews with composer James Horner, 2nd unit/assistant director James Sbardellati, editor Mark Goldblatt and others

• Never-before-seen deleted scenes

• Leonard Maltin interviews Corman on the making of the film

• Trailer

• TV and radio spots

• New World trailers

Retail prices are $19.93 for each DVD and $26.97 for each Blu-ray. Look for Corman's reminiscences on PIRANHA in Fango #296, on sale in early August!

In addition, for fans of futuristic action, Shout! also has a Roger Corman's Cult Classics

double-feature DVD of the David Carradine-starring DEATHSPORT (the follow-up to DEATH RACE 2000) and the New Zealand-lensed BATTLETRUCK coming on the 3rd as well. DEATHSPORT will be presented in a new anamorphic 1.78:1 transfer with the following extras:

• Audio commentary by co-director Allan Arkush and editor Larry Bock

• Interview with actor Jesse Vint

• Still gallery

• Original theatrical trailers and TV spots

BATTLETRUCK will be accompanied by audio commentary by director Harley Cokliss and trailers. Retail price for this disc is $19.93.

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