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Subject: Re: Movie Recommendations

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I remember Gerald Rossiter and Reg from Real time-- was on tvright after the Two Ronnies when public tv was new here mid70's or so. But the 'killer app' if you can call it that was The Goon Show. The Goon Show was done for radio and there actually is a fan site for this. Perhaps a diligent web search will turn up the episodes as they were done for radio and rebroadcast as recently as that same 70's period as Reginald. Worth the search which I might do myself. The goons are Spike Milligan, Peter Sellers and (I have to wiki this I blanked out--) Harry Secombe. Good thing we started this topic. Apparently the Goon Show is available as a dvd last broadcast. But it won't have all the Ray Ellington vocals. Ray Ellington sings like Lord Buckley only on key. Also in re-release is Beyond The Fringe. I was surprised how well this held up for me, being familiar with some of the routines. Seeing it in black and white on a virtual bare stage loses very little of the spot on humor. Well I got distracted as I sometimes do. I'm looking forward to V For Vendetta and Syriana whenever the reserve queue thins out at the library. Right now I'm trying to fill in the holes I've missed in '24' lacking any really good stand alone movies or s-f series (The 4400 season 2 will be available to me shortly and also HBO's Rome and 'Carnivale' season 2.) I've also spent quite a bit of time with but have not completed the HBO Oz series-- something I think is one of the best things HBO ever did. Start at the beginning and work your way through it. Oz is not saccharine entertainment and so very likely is disturbing to some. But that is where the art is. Tom Fontana wrote every single episode near as I can figure out. The casting is first rate. IMDb rating is 10 out of 10. It's film quality due to the talents of Barry Levinson who produced it. I've found most of my Oz at a vid store. It's interesting that you can work your way backward through this tv history and find gems in re-release on dvd with no commercials and play them straight through. Shows like Carnivale really are film quality. Sooner or later I am going to buy a good print of Honey West indvd.

The Goon show

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