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NOW on TV

It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia
"The Gang Gets Quarantined" (FX/Hulu)

I'm doing something I haven't done since I reviewed *The O.C.* back in Issue No. 3, and I am reviewing an old episode of a show I love. That show is *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia* and the episode is "The Gang Gets Quarantined", which is one of the most apropos TV episodes out there which reflects the current state of the world. In the episode, the gang is practicing for a cappella choir routine to *Boyz to Men*. This episode has one of the funniest twists in a *Sunny* episode and will provide some much needed brevity and humor to you and the world during this crazy time. It also has Frank shaving all of his hair off and lathering himself in hand sanitizer to become "pure". A classic episode of *Always Sunny*.

NEW on DVD

Star Wars: The Last Jedi (2019)

In the wake of the coronavirus, Disney has released *Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker* onto digital on-demand early. I may have been in the minority who actually liked *The Last Jedi* and what Rian Johnson brought to the *Star Wars* universe. When they first announced J.J. Abrams was returning to finish the trilogy, I was skeptical as I didn't care for *The Force Awakens*. That said, *The Rise of Skywalker* is a much-welcome pleasant surprise. While it definitely still has its share of flaws, with a story that often feels thrown together, it was actually a rather entertaining installment in one of cinema's most iconic franchises. I particularly appreciated the inclusion of some excellent practical effects like the scene-stealing alien Babu Frik, probably the best new character in the entire sequel trilogy. A solid conclusion to the Skywalker story.

Director Spotlight:

Darren Lynn Bousman



Birth: 1/11/79 Overland Park, KS

Notable Works: *Saw II*, *Saw III*, *Repo!* *A Genetic Opera*, *Spiral*

Fun Facts: For the last few years on St. Patrick Day, he has proposed the idea of directing a *Leprechaun* reboot via Twitter to Lionsgate.

Ranking Every Single LEPRECHAUN MOVIE Ever Made

Happy St. Patrick's Day from THE PURITAN POST. In honor of the holiday, I will be ranking every *Leprechaun* movie ever made. This cult series starring Warwick Davis is about a murderous and evil Leprechaun frequently on the hunt for women or gold (or both) who loves rattling off pun-filled rhymes when he kills. It is important to note I only include what I believe are the six canonical movies with Warwick Davis and won't rank *Leprechaun: Origins* (2014) or *Leprechaun: Returns* (2018).

6. LEPRECHAUN 4: In Space (1997)

Why is The Leprechaun in space? Well, it is never really explained. He is there in pursuit of a space princess to marry to become King of the galaxy as he fights against space marines and their evil cyborg boss, Dr. Mittenhand. This movie is absolutely bonkers but it has its moments like The Leprechaun becoming giant or destroying a soldier's genitalia.

5. Leprechaun: Back 2 tha Hood (2003)

The sequel to 2000's *Leprechaun in the Hood* sadly falls short of its predecessor, but in some ways it isn't fair as the original is so good. That said, this movie does have a stunning, beautifully animated opening sequence describing the origin and mythology of The Leprechaun that is probably better than anything in the series. It is really quite amazing.

4. LEPRECHAUN 3 (1995)

Some fans consider this sequel, where The Leprechaun goes to Las Vegas, to be the best in the series, but I wouldn't go that far. It is, however, a very entertaining chapter in *Leprechaun* lore. It also has some of the most brutal, creative death scenes of any *Leprechaun* flick such as the exploding body parts. Was the first direct-to-video release.

3. LEPRECHAUN (1993)

The original is still a classic, introducing Horror audiences to the series' unique sense of humor and signature camp. Follows the titular Leprechaun as he hunts down his stolen gold after being stuck in a crate for ten years. Without *Leprechaun*, we may not have seen Jennifer Aniston become the mega star that she is today as it was her feature film debut.

2. LEPRECHAUN in the Hood (2000)

In a movie that more than likely wouldn't get made today, we have some truly iconic moments like The Leprechaun smoking a joint with a pimp played by Ice-Tea, rapping an original song titled "Lep in the Hood", and quoting Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It also features a cameo by Coolio and is a surprisingly relevant commentary on the rap industry.

1. LEPRECHAUN 2 (1994)

Works very well as a stand alone movie and has great rewatch value. I would also say it has the best story of the series. It follows a young man in love with the Irish descendant of a bride The Leprechaun was betrothed to a 1,000 years prior, and is now hunting down. With appearances from Clint Howard, *Seinfeld*'s Sandy Baron, and *Mad TV*'s Michael McDonald, it is the last theatrically released *Leprechaun* movie.

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