

UFO AUSTRALIAN DVD RELEASE FROM UMBRELLA ENTERTAINMENT

UFO – THE COMPLETE S.H.A.D.O. FILE

3 years in the making, UFO finally arrives on DVD in Australia in this Special Collector's Edition containing the complete series, digitally restored, plus a staggering range of Special Features – collected together for the first time ever in one definitive set.



THE SERIES

Danger from the unknown... Menace from Outer Space...
Fantastic new developments since man's conquest of the moon...

Set in the 1980s, UFO presents tensely dramatic stories of an age in which Unidentified Flying Objects have become established and are believed to be a threat to the safety of Earth.

Who are they?

Where do they come from?

Who are the occupants and what do they want?

A highly organised defence system has been set up. Known as S.H.A.D.O. (Supreme Headquarters Alien Defense Organisation), it is closely guarded under a veil of deep secrecy and housed beneath a bona-fide film studio. Commander Ed Straker leads a dedicated team of specialists to monitor and thwart the alien invasion. Whether at SHADO Headquarters on Earth, Skydiver beneath the sea or the control base on the moon for interceptor craft, Straker and his team are ready for battle.

Space fiction has become fact.

Produced for ITC, UFO became Gerry & Sylvia Anderson's first live action series following their immense success with THUNDERBIRDS and CAPTAIN SCARLET AND THE MYSTERONS. Gone was the "supermarionation" but in its place came one of the first big-budget British science fiction series featuring tense drama, exciting action, outstanding model work and the most glamorous girls to be seen in space ... and now THE ALIENS HAVE RETURNED...

UFO – THE COMPLETE SHADO FILE presents all 26 episodes of the sci-fi series, complete, uncut & meticulously restored from the original film elements. With Special Features including audio commentaries, rare unaired & archival footage, a 60 minute documentary charting production of the series, audio out-takes, extensive image galleries and more, this is the definitive special edition of a cult-tv classic.

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FURTHER INTELLIGENCE

The best DVD extras from around the globe have been meticulously sourced over the past 3 years, augmented with new special features created specifically for this release. With involvement from 3 international UFO fan communities, restoration team, and original cast & crew from the series, combined with the skilful, experienced and dedicated production team at Madman Interactive who are solely undertaking all design, encoding and authoring on behalf of releasing company Umbrella Entertainment, UFO has never looked better.

AN UN-MATCHED COLLECTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES

* **Audio Commentary with Co-creator Gerry Anderson on “Identified” (as featured on the UK Carlton DVD release)**

* Audio Commentary with Director Alan Perry & series star Michael Billington on “Kill Straker” (as featured on the USA A&E DVD release)

* **Audio Commentary with series star Wanda Ventham & Co-Creator Sylvia Anderson on “Timelash” (as featured on the USA A&E DVD release)**

* Exclusive Audio Commentary with series star George Sewell on “E.S.P.” (recorded in 2004 – never before released)

* **Exclusive Audio Commentary with Guest Artist Deborah Grant on “The Psychobombs” (recorded in 2006 – never before released)**

* Audio Commentary with series star Ed Bishop on “Sub-Smash” (as featured on the UK Carlton DVD release)

* **Audio introductions by Guest Artists Jane Merrow & Derren Nesbitt**

* The UFO Documentary (60 minute Documentary previously only available to Fanderson subscribers – first commercial release)

* **Unaired footage from “Identified” (extended opening scene featuring shots that were deemed too violent for the final version, plus out-takes of the “singing” S.I.D.)**

* Unaired footage from “Exposed” (Original extended scene between Michael Billington & Vladek Sheybal – missing some dialogue)

* **S.I.D. Computer Voice Session (various audio takes testing the voice of S.I.D.)**

* The Square Triangle Clean Closing

* **Textless End Titles (UFO’s end title sequence without text)**

* Audio out-takes from “Kill Straker” (various raw studio takes featuring Ed Bishop, George Sewell & Mike Billington)

* **Tomorrow Today: Future Fashions with Sylvia Anderson (A rare 1969 interview where Anderson discusses the fashions created for UFO)**

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- * Unused footage from “The Long Sleep” (Unused fall FX and end music sting) & “Timelash” (Day For Night example and Clapperboard shot)
- * **“Invasion UFO” (The complete ‘80s compilation film which compiled footage from various UFO episodes to make a feature length movie version)**
- * Invasion UFO Trailer
- * **Audio interview with Ed Bishop (A Behind the Scenes image gallery plays underneath a 7 minute audio interview with Ed Bishop, taken from an Italian Fan Club Convention)**
- * Restoration Example (Examples showing the improvement of picture quality undertaken during the restoration of the series)
- * **Restoration Essay by Jonathan Wood discussing how UFO was restored (PDF DVD-ROM file)**
- * Scans of 3 original Ed Bishop UFO scripts (PDF DVD-ROM files)
- * **Insert Reprint of Original ITC Publicity Booklet (The original ITC Publicity Brochure re-produced as a miniature collectable booklet)**
- * Production Notes (4 sets of concise Production Notes covering the origins of the series, casting, production, Barry Gray’s music & Century 21 fashions)
- * **Original ITC Paperwork (PDF DVD-ROM files containing scans of the Original ITC Pressbook and Story Information)**
- * Memorabilia Files (Galleries featuring a wide selection of original UFO memorabilia)
- * **Extensive Image Galleries from the ITC Archives (Episode by episode full screen photo galleries including many previously unseen images, plus publicity images & production shots)**

PACKAGING

UFO will be presented over 8 discs in 4 double Amaray cases housed in a deluxe collectable Hard Box.

UFO – The Complete S.H.A.D.O. File is produced on DVD by Grant Taylor, responsible for previous Cult-TV Special Edition DVD sets of THE SAINT, RANDALL & HOPKIRK (DECEASED), DEPARTMENT S, JASON KING, THE BARON, MAN IN A SUITCASE, THE PRISONER, DANGER MAN, MINDER, THE SWEENEY, THE PROFESSIONALS, MIDSOMER MURDERS and more...

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