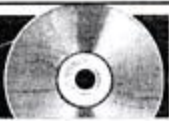


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# DVDs THIS WEEK

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Viggo Mortensen (Aragorn) and Miranda Otto (Eowyn) in "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers." Business Wire

## THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE TWO TOWERS

As with "Fellowship of the Ring," this special-edition DVD (\$39.99; New Line), with 43 minutes of extra footage, is so superior to the theatrical release that it is clearly the only version anyone would ever want to watch. The bad news about December's "The Return of the King" is that it's only 3 hours, 12 minutes long. Fans had hoped the first two episodes were so successful that the four-hour director's cut would be released, rather than having to wait for the DVD to see Peter Jackson's complete vision. If anything keeps him from winning the Oscar, holding back the best possible version for DVD release will be it.

## BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN: LIVE IN BARCELONA CONCERT FOR GEORGE

It's curious that one of the great rock acts in history has never released a live album that's come close to doing him justice. That trend continues with Springsteen's "Live in Barcelona" (\$19.98; Columbia) which practically offers a master class in how not to direct and edit a rock concert. Of course, the songs and the band are good enough to make it worthwhile. Also disappointing is "Concert for George" (\$29.99; Warner Bros.), a heartfelt but muddy tribute to George Harrison. At least Billy Preston cuts through the sludge with "My Sweet Lord."

## WINGED MIGRATION GIGANTIC: A TALE OF TWO JOHNS

This is clearly the year of the documentary, thanks to delights like this word-of-mouth hit that follows birds on their flight south for the winter. Countless images are truly breathtaking, with only a weak score filled with New Age-y vocals detracting from the beauty of it all. Also just out is "Gigantic: A Tale of Two Johns" (\$24.95; Plexifilm) about the long, strange journey of the rock duo They Might Be Giants.

## SUPER BOWL I-X COMPLETE HISTORY OF THE GREEN BAY PACKERS

TV shows and music videos have proven far more popular on DVD than they ever did on video. And now it's time for sports to shine, led off by "Super Bowl I-X" (\$64.92; Warner Bros.), a five-disc set devoting one hour to each of the first 10 Super Bowls. You get Joe Namath's "guarantee" of victory in Super Bowl III, Jim O'Brien's last second field goal for the Colts and much more. Also just out is a two-DVD set about the Green Bay Packers (\$26.95; Warner Bros.) which features a team overview and a second disc devoted to the legendary Ice Bowl.

### Also out:

Three boxed-sets featuring every James Bond movie crammed with extras (\$124.96 each; MGM), with one devoted to Sean Connery, one to Roger Moore and one to the rest; the Emmy-winning first season of "The West Wing" (\$59.98; Warner Bros.); the first season of "The King of Queens" (\$39.95; Columbia TriStar); a restored version of Sergio Leone's classic "Once Upon a Time in the West" (\$19.99; Paramount); and the first season of the hilarious talk-show spoof "Space Ghost: Coast to Coast" (\$29.98; Warner Bros.).

### Coming out next Tuesday:

Musical theater star Hugh Jackman's other job — movie star — is highlighted with "X2: X-Men United"; Jim Carrey is God in "Bruce Almighty"; and a deluxe edition of Dick Van Dyke's kiddie flick "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang."