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*DAZED AND CONFUSED &
FAST TIMES AT RIDGEMONT
HIGH*
SPECIAL EDITION DVD

Two Classic High School Comedies in One Special DVD Package

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Universal City, CA, June 1, 2004—For the first time ever, *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* and *Dazed and Confused*, two movies that forever changed the way Hollywood depicted teenage life, will be released in a single DVD package. These two groundbreaking comedies take an unflinching look at the sex, drugs and rock-n-roll that are as much a part of the American high school experience as final exams and senior prom. Originally released more than a decade apart, each film in its own unique way offers a slice of high school life that's neither sugar coated nor preachy—just undeniably true!

Whether you loved high school or barely survived it, you're bound to recognize plenty of the characters in *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* and *Dazed and Confused*. Who didn't know an affable stoner like Sean Penn's Jeff Spicoli, an insecure bully like Ben Affleck's Fred O'Bannion or an unflappable taskmaster like Ray Walston's Mr. Hand?

The Head of the Class

But there's another reason viewers will recognize the protagonists of these two great films. *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* and *Dazed and Confused* each boast a stellar ensemble cast brimming with talented young actors who have gone on to become some of Hollywood's brightest stars. In addition to Penn and Affleck, the films' combined Who's Who of future household names includes Nicolas Cage, Matthew McConaughey, Jennifer

Jason Leigh, Milla Jovovich, Anthony Edwards, Forrest Whitaker, Parker Posey, Eric Stoltz, Phoebe Cates, Judge Reinhold, Nicky Katt and Joey Lauren Adams.

And that's not all: These two movies together represent the early work of three of today's most highly regarded filmmakers. *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* features the first screenplay by writer-director Cameron Crowe (*Almost Famous*, *Jerry Maguire*) and marks the directing debut of Amy Heckerling (*Clueless*). *Dazed and Confused* is the sophomore writing and directing effort of Richard Linklater (*School of Rock*, *Before Sunset*).

Let's Review

When it was released theatrically in 1993, *Dazed and Confused* earned high marks from top critics: Peter Travers of Rolling Stone dubbed it "the ultimate party movie...totally irresistible," while The New York Times' Janet Maslin lauded the film's "enjoyably playful spirit." Steven Faber of Movieline wrote: "The performances are persuasive down to the smallest part, and Linklater has a fine ear...that makes these teenagers come to life."

Fast Times at Ridgemont High "may be the greatest teen movie ever made," according to New Times' Luke Y. Thompson. Christopher Null of Filmcritic.com calls it "Sublimely funny." And The San Diego Union-Tribune's Karla Peterson writes: "From the tart snap of the new wave soundtrack to the dizzy charm of its stars (particularly Penn), Heckerling's smart debut does all the little things right, making it the kind of film you can trust with your time, your money and your moviegoing faith."

Schoolhouse Rock

Like high school life itself, *Dazed and Confused* and *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* are fueled by the popular music of the moment. Depending on your age, the rock-infused soundtracks will either send you into nostalgic reverie or offer up a crash course in the pop music of the 1970s and early 1980s. *Dazed and Confused* features tunes by such classic rock acts as Aerosmith, Alice Cooper, Deep Purple, War, Ted Nugent, Peter Frampton, Kiss, Steve Miller, Lynyrd Skynyrd and Foghat. Meanwhile, *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* captures the essence of the early '80s with new wave and rock 'n roll songs by The Cars, The Go-Go's, Oingo Boingo, Stevie Nicks, Don Henley, Joe Walsh, Tom Petty, Quarterflash and Billy Squire.

Synopses

Dazed and Confused

It's the last day of high school in a small Texas town in 1976 and the annual hazing of incoming freshmen is underway. Mitch Kramer (Wiley Wiggins) is among the boys subjected to physical abuse meted out by a group of upperclassmen led by perennial senior Fred O'Bannion (Affleck). The girls suffer torture of a more psychological variety at the hands of soon-to-be senior Darla Marks (Parker Posey). Meanwhile, Randall "Pink" Floyd, the school's amiable and sensitive star quarterback, grapples with his coach's demand that he sign a contract agreeing to remain drug free. Nerdy Mike Newhouse (Adam Goldberg) tries desperately to shake off his geeky persona while local loser David Wooderson (Matthew McConaughey) ogles the freshman "talent." Over the course of a single night of drinking, smoking dope and driving, each of these wildly different characters in their own way takes a small step towards his destiny.

Fast Times at Ridgemont High

In 1979, 22-year-old journalist Cameron Crowe passed himself off as a 12th grader and went undercover at a San Diego high school. The resulting exposé, "Fast Times at Ridgemont High," serves as the basis for this groundbreaking 1982 comedy about the lives and loves of a group of suburban teenagers. Sweet Stacy Hamilton (Jennifer Jason Leigh) and nice guy Mark "Rat" Ratner (Brian Backer) are looking for love with guidance from their older friends, Linda Barrett (Phoebe Cates) and Mike Damone (Robert Romanus). But when Stacy falls for Damone, a callous hipster wannabe, the results are disastrous. Meanwhile, Stacy's brother, Brad (Judge Reinhold), a fast-food delivery boy, has the incurable hots for his younger sister's friend Linda and stoner Jeff Spicoli (Sean Penn) just wants to survive Mr. Hand's (Ray Walston) history class. These vivid, unforgettable characters all find at least part of what they're looking for by the time summer vacation rolls around.

CAST & FILMMAKERS (*Dazed and Confused*)

Director: Richard Linklater

Screenwriter: Richard Linklater

Producers: Sean Daniel, James Jacks, Richard Linklater

Co-Producer: Anne Walker-McBay

Director of Photography: Lee Daniel

Production Designer: John Frick

Editor: Sandra Adair

Cast: Jason London, Wiley Wiggins, Sasha Jenson, Rory Cochrane, Shawn Andrews, Adam Goldberg.

CAST & FILMMAKERS (*Fast Times at Ridgemont High*)

Director: Amy Heckerling

Screenwriter: Cameron Crowe

Producers: Irving Azoff, Art Linson

Executive Producers: C.O. Erickson

Director of Photography: Matthew F. Leonetti

Editor: Eric Jenkins

Cast: Sean Penn, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Judge Reinhold, Robert Romanus, Brian Backer, Phoebe Cates, Ray Walston.

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