

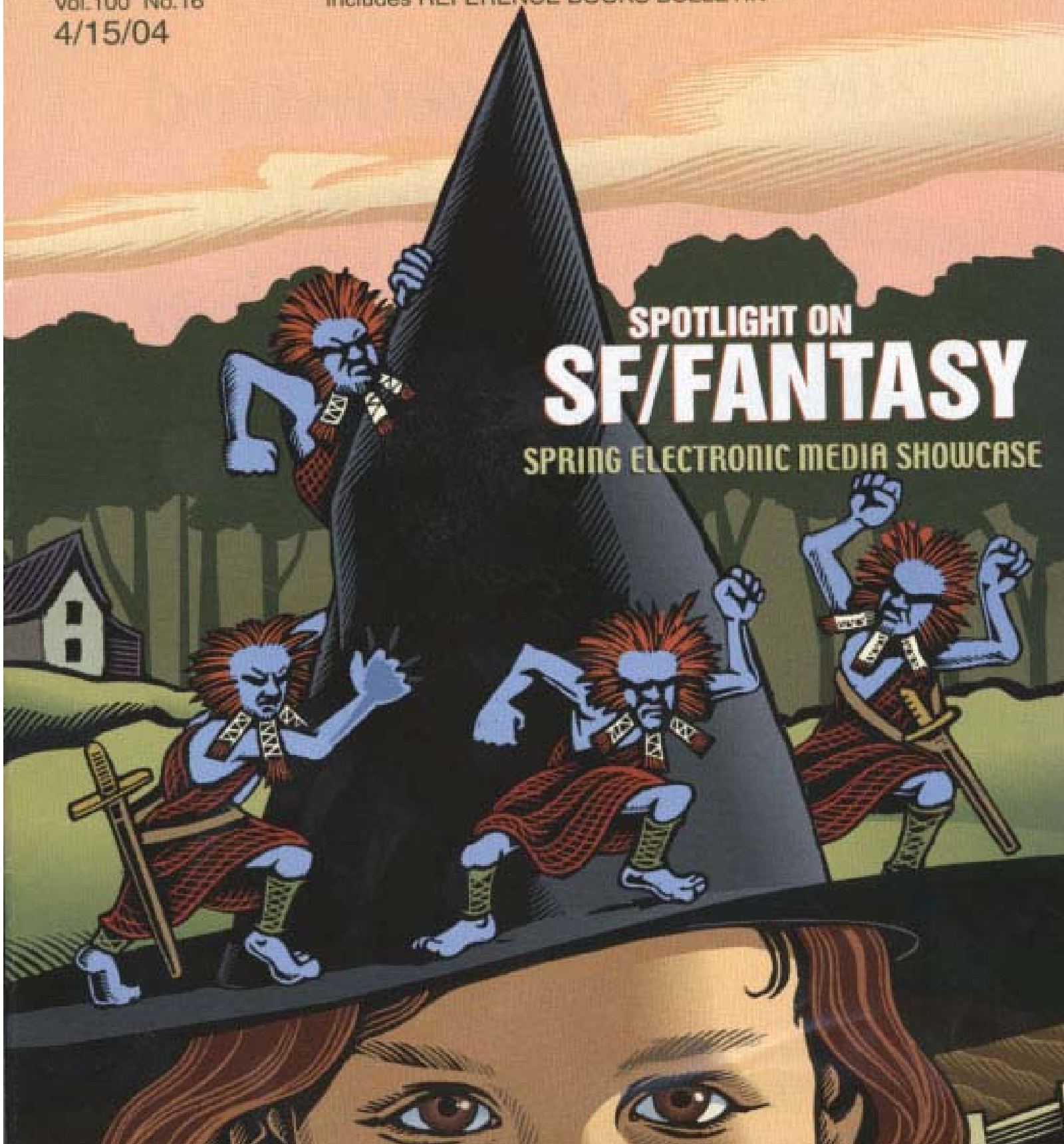
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Media

VIDEO AND DVD

Videos and DVDs are organized under adult and youth subheadings. When available, public performance (pp) information is included for inexpensive titles reviewed in this section. CC indicates closed-captioning. The distributor's telephone number is included at the end of each imprint.

Adult

B-17 Flying Legend. Janson. 2002; rel. 2004. 211min. DVD, \$24.95 (pp) (1-56839-138-2). 201-784-8488.

Nearly 13,000 B-17 bombers took to the not-so-friendly skies during World War II, and more than 4,700 of the "flying fortresses" were lost in combat. This program tells the story of these durable bombers through vintage photographs, archival film clips, computer-generated images, and commentary from World War II bomber pilots and crew. Interviews with historians, photo archivists, aircraft enthusiasts, museum curators, and a German pilot round out the documentary, which successfully conveys horrific and incredible details about WWII air combat. A testimony to the legacy and contributions of the B-17 aircraft, pilots, and crew. DVD extras include a virtual tour of a B-17 bomber, his-

toric photographs, interviews, and the 1944 documentary *Memphis Belle*. —Carol Holzberg

The Day I Will Never Forget. Women Make Movies. 2002; rel. 2003. 92min. \$295. 212-925-0606.

When a deeply rooted cultural tradition inflicts so much pain, chronic suffering, social divisiveness, and anger on victims, the world takes notice. Shot on location in Kenya, this documentary compassionately explores female circumcision, a controversial ritual practiced on more than 135 million girls worldwide. The harsh reality of this painful and frightening procedure is evident in the words and experiences of various Kenyan girls. Gripping, explicit footage of two sisters undergoing the operation augments interviews with various adults, who speak respectfully about the religious, cultural, spiritual, and social significance of female circumcision. Giving voice to both sides of the issue, the program documents the tireless efforts of nurses and other victim advocates, ending on a hopeful note. —Carol Holzberg

Speaking to the Big Dogs. Frederick Gilbert. 2004. 100min. DVD, \$239. 800-828-1909.

Addressing upper-level corporate executives requires more than well-rehearsed talking points and a slick presentation. In

this how-to program for entrepreneurs and others, 17 senior executives share their expertise. One says that speakers should "throw the sheet music away and improvise; be spontaneous, like playing in a jazz group," while another feels that "big dogs appreciate it when little dogs take control." Despite a few too many extreme close-up shots and excess verbosity from some of the participants, this self-described "boardroom survival kit" makes a strong case for doing the necessary homework and knowing one's audience. Tips, techniques, and tricks for speaking to head honchos and decision makers are presented. For college and public library business collections. —Jeff Dick

Wes Crawford's Drumset Play-Along DVD. Music and Games 4 U. 2003. 56min. DVD, \$29.99 (pp). 301-949-3735.

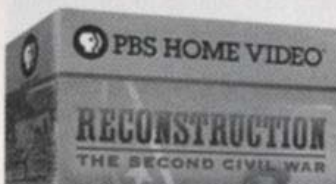
Aspiring drummers interested in learning their craft can benefit from this teaching aid, which uses point-of-view camera shots taken behind a drummer in a four-piece band. Instructor and musician Crawford creates a series of scenarios that focus on a drummer who is auditioning for and eventually playing at various gigs. Twenty musical tracks are included—10 with drum accompaniment and the same 10 without. This allows viewers to follow along with the musician or play the part on their own. Downloadable drum charts are available through the Internet. Includes a supplemental CD for those who want to concentrate solely on the music. —Jeff Dick

The World of American Indian Dance. DVD International. 2003. 60min. \$21.99 (pp) (1-932198-41-5). DVD, \$21.99 (pp) (1-932198-49-0). 877-383-4968.

As a celebration of life rooted in tradition, dance is an essential form of expression for

★ **Reconstruction: The Second Civil War.** PBS. 2004. 180min. DVD, \$54.95 (pp) (0-7936-4492-5). Video, \$54.95 (pp) (0-7936-4493-3). CC. 800-344-3337.

The reconstructive post-Civil War years were often filled with violence and economic failure. This eye-opening program spanning the "momentous years from 1863 to 1877" surveys reconstruction and examines various attempts at social and political equality that helped plant the seeds of the civil rights movement. Focusing on various individuals, including an



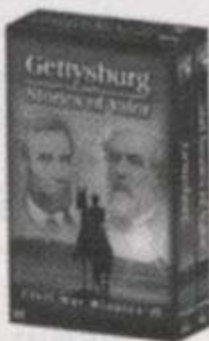


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The Lady and the Unicorn. By Jeanne Chevalier. Read by Robert Blum and Terry Donnelly. 2004. 8hr. unabridged. CS, \$34.95 (0-14-280021-X). CD, \$34.95 (0-14-280034-1). 800-331-4624. Library, lib. ed. CS, \$54.95 (0-7927-3113-1). CD, \$74.95 (0-7927-3113-1). 800-331-4624.

Chevalier's enticing romance is set around the creation of six tapestries commissioned by a nouveau riche seigneur in France during the fifteenth century. The meager facts are enough to frame a bawdy tale—after all, the subject matter is love and desire. The tapestry emotions and lives are woven into a cultural, and artistic history of the time. Being a story told in multiple first-person narratives by many characters, Blum and Donnelly employ subtle vocalizations and a rich assortment of accents to distinguish among the large cast of French, Italian, noble and craftsmen. Blum and Donnelly's superior skill at delineating each voice ensures a full recognition of all characters. The performance will please Chevalier and others who enjoy complex, detailed historical fiction. —Joyce Saricks

Mr. Paradise. By Elmore Leonard. Read by Robert Forster. 2004. 8hr. unabridged. CS, \$29.95 (0-06-058626-5). CD, \$29.95 (0-06-058627-3). 800-242-7737. Recorded for lib. ed. CS, \$59.75 (1-4025-7468-3). CD, \$69.75 (1-4025-7548-3). 800-634-2673.

An elderly millionaire invites a former call girl to dress up as a college cheerleader and entertain him while he watches taped football games. The call girl's former roommate Kelly to come along, offering her some serious money. When she leaves the room, a couple of hit men arrive and kill the faux cheerleader.