

Religion and the Arts

Dante's Purgatory: A Study of Part I of The Divine Comedy

Saint Benedict Press

Arts 400.16

Instructional

2012

DVD

8 lectures/30 min ea

Part of a Series



Dante's Divine Comedy can rightly be called the greatest poem ever written. Yet today this great poem is often dismissed by modern scholars for its unabashed Catholic theology. Shrug off their disdain and discover for yourself the true grandeur, Christian nature, and sheer artistry of Dante's Inferno...

Modern Media

Saint Benedict Press

Arts 400.9

Instructional

2012

DVD

4 lectures/30 min ea

Part of a Series



Did you know that children consume up to 53 hours of media a week? Adults consume anywhere from 40 to 44 hours a week as much or more than a full-time job! In this elective, popular speaker and author Teresa Tomeo gives you proactive and timely tools, including a step-by-step plan to begin managing that media influence wisely....

Dante's Purgatory: A Study of Part II of The Divine Comedy

Saint Benedict Press

Arts 400.15

Instructional

2012

DVD

8 lectures/30 min ea

Part of a Series



We know what happens in Hell...but what about Purgatory? Dante's Inferno revealed some titillating details about the punishments inflicted on sinners - but in a way, we already knew what happens to people in Hell. What we don't know is what happens to people who end up in Purgatory...

The Hidden Meaning of The Lord of the Rings

Saint Benedict Press

Arts 400.21 | Documentary | 2011 | DVD | 8 lectures/30 min each | Part of a Series



In The Hidden Meaning of the Lord of the Rings, we look at the ways in which Tolkien's work was informed by a Christian realist philosophy. According to Tolkien himself, The Lord of the Rings is a "fundamentally religious and Catholic work," and it conveys Tolkien's devout faith in surprising ways. We look at dominant themes in The Lord of the Rings such as the meaning of evil and of virtue, and the necessity of self-sacrifice.

Lourdes: A Story of Faith, Science and Miracles

Ignatius Press

Arts 400.27 | Drama | 2011 | DVD | 190 minutes | Part of a Series



This intriguing film uses the pages of the manuscript to trace the stories of three lives- Bernadette, Henry and Bernard, three characters whose lives intertwine as they pursue parallel journeys according to the designs of Providence.

The Last Brickmaker in America

Phase 4 Films

Arts 400.12 | Drama | 2010 | DVD | 85 minutes | Part of a Series



Academy award winner SIDNEY POITIER delivers a heartwarming performance as a skilled craftsman fighting for quality and tradition in this critically praised feature. Henry, a warm and honest man, has worked in his family brickyard for 57 years. From dusk to dawn every day but Sunday, every week of the year, he has proudly put his blood and sweat into creating red clay bricks. But now, in a time when automation rules in America and following the recent passing of his beloved wife, Cobb's passion for his work is gone. When 13-year-old Danny Potter enters his life in search of a refuge from his bickering parents, Henry becomes his mentor, giving the boy a sense of purpose and the role model he so desperately needs. In turn, Danny rejuvenates Henry's passion for life.

Easter in Art

Seventh Art

Arts 400.22 | Documentary | 2009 | DVD | 73 minutes | Part of a Series

The most vivid accounts of the Easter story come from artists, according to British art historian Tim Marlow. Divided into three parts - Betrayal, Crucifixion, and Resurrection, each divided into 12 chapters featuring 10 or more works of art - this illuminating film surveys art portraying the Passion of Christ. Viewed in his office, galleries, churches, and other locations, Marlow eloquently and brightly limns the many elements that influence a work of art, from the world's preoccupations at the time to the artist's intentions and motivations.

Facing the Giants

Sony Pictures

Arts 400.7 | Drama | 2007 | DVD | 111 minutes | Part of a Series

In six years of coaching, Grant Taylor has never led his Shiloh Eagles to a winning season. After learning that he and his wife Brooke face infertility, Grant discovers that a group of fathers are secretly organizing to have him dismissed as head coach. Devastated by his circumstances, he cries out to God in desperation. When Grant receives a message from an unexpected visitor, he searches for a stronger purpose for his football team. He dares to challenge his players to believe God for the impossible on and off the field. When faced with unbelievable odds, the Eagles must step up to their greatest test of strength and courage.

The Genius of Michelangelo

The Teaching Company

Arts 400.19 | Instructional | 2007 | DVD | 36 lectures/ 30 min. ea | Part of a Series

Professor Wallace puts his teaching skills on display throughout these lectures, which feature more than 800 visuals, including stunning reproductions of Michelangelo's sculptures, paintings, and architecture, as well as rough sketches, preparatory drawings, and photographs of the places he lived and worked.

The Genius of Michelangelo, infused with the passion and knowledge of an expert instructor, enriches your appreciation of Michelangelo's many accomplishments and enhances your understanding of one of the world's greatest and most familiar artists.

Midnight Clear

Jenkins Entertainment

Arts 400.29 | Drama | 2006 | DVD | 102 minutes | Part of a Series



As midnight approaches in a small Southwestern town, five lonely strangers randomly cross paths and in unique and subtle ways change each other's lives forever. *Midnight Clear* is a modern day parable about how seemingly insignificant acts of grace can make a profound difference.

Bella

Metanoia Films

Arts 400.28 | Drama | 2006 | DVD | 91 minutes | Part of a Series



An international soccer star is on his way to sign a multimillion dollar contract when a series of events unfold that brings his career to an abrupt end.

Beyond Narnia

Faith & Values Media

Arts 400.8 | Documentary | 2005 | DVD | 55 minutes | Part of a Series



C.S. Lewis: *Beyond Narnia* Readers and fans worldwide know the land of Narnia and the magical beings who dwell there. But few know the genius who created this beloved fantasy. Now meet C.S. Lewis, an extraordinary creative force, in this engaging true life story, filmed in Oxford, England where he lived, worked and imagined *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, and the other tales that make up the beloved *The Chronicles of Narnia*.

Miracles of the Passion

GoodTimes Entertainment

Arts 400.25 | Documentary | 2004 | DVD | 54 minutes | Part of a Series

In their own words, the people interviewed for this television special give accounts of relationships restored, diseases healed, the dead resurrected, atheists coming to faith and even a confession to murder. It is truly unprecedented the way God has used The Passion to bring healing, reconciliation and peace to people across the nation and around the globe.

George Frideric Handel's MESSIAH

Curtain Call Productions

Arts 400.1 | | 2003 | DVD | 121 minutes | Part of a Series

The Upper Galilee Choir and Ranaan Symphonette Orchestra performing Handel's MESSIAH at Tabgha, the traditional site of Jesus Christ's miracle and feeding of the five thousand along the Sea of Galilee.

The Face: Jesus in Art

Voyager Productions

Arts 400.4 | Documentary | 2001 | VHS | 120 minutes | Part of a Series

This two-hour documentary traces the dramatically different ways in which Jesus has been represented in art throughout history and around the world. Amazing digital morphing sequences dramatically illustrate how the image of Jesus has changed over time while unique special effects virtually reconstruct art that has been destroyed or lost forever. A sweeping and visually riveting lesson in art history, The Face: Jesus In Art is a documentary of stunning beauty and unprecedented innovation.

Charters Cathedral: A Sacred Geometry

Golden Age

Arts 400.2 | Documentary | 2000 | DVD | 60 minutes | Part of a Series

Forty-four magnificent stained glass windows tell the story of the world from creation to the day of judgement. Who were the architects, the Masters of the Compasses?

The Circles of Light: Divine Comedy

Films for Humanities & Sciences

Arts 400.23 | Documentary | 1998 | VHS | 50 minutes | Part of a Series

The most celebrated work of Dante Alighieri is certainly the Divina Commedia-- a vision of hell, purgatory and heaven which provided a strangely surrealistic view of meieval attitudes on religious dogma and the price of disobedience.

The Man on the OX and Other Tales

ACTA

Arts 400.28 | Drama | 1997 | VHS | 45 minutes | Part of a Series

The Man on the Ox and Other Tales contains nine timeless tales performed in a "reader's theater" format. Segments last three to nine minutes each.

Godspell

Bridgestone Multimedia

Arts 400.29

Drama

1996

VHS

105 minutes

Part of a Series

The smash hit Broadway musical comes alive in this dynamic film adaptation.

Hollywood vs. Catholicism

Chatham Hill Foundation

Arts 400.14

Documentary

1996

VHS

72 minutes

Part of a Series

At a time when Hollywood seems to go out of its way to not offend any specific groups, there's a growing trend in which movies--in one scene or the whole film--seem to go out of their way to misrepresent, mock or ridicule Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. This video will help you discern if what is presented about the Church is an impartial portrayal or a premeditated distortion. You might be surprised; and you may never watch movies in the same way again.

Michael the Visitor

Billy Budd Films

Arts 400.13

Claymation

1995

VHS

27 minutes

Part of a Series

Michael The Visitor: In this Claymation adaptation of Leo Tolstoy's *Truths We Live By*, Michael the Visitor tells the story of a shoemaker named Simon who ventures out one winter night to collect a sum of money that he is owed, but instead, returns home with a man that he finds naked and freezing behind a roadside shrine. Simon's wife is annoyed by her husband's pity for bringing home another mouth to feed, but the young man soon shows himself to be a useful apprentice. Could God have a plan for this young man, and for Simon, who had the kind heart that the young man needed to shine?

Music Video

NEST Entertainment

Arts 400.17

Animation

1994

VHS

25 minutes

Part of a Series



Featuring some of the most inspirational and touching moments from The Animated Stories from the Bible video series, you will watch and sing-a-long with the songs that capture the drama and truths of the Bible as never before.

The Black Stallion

MGM

Arts 400.6

Drama

1989

VHS

120 minutes

Part of a Series



From its turbulent beginning in a storm-swept sea to its unforgettable horse race finale, *The Black Stallion* is a modern-day movie landmark. One of the most highly praised productions of 1979, it is "a wonderful experience...for adults and for kids" (Roger Ebert). When a shipwreck leaves Alec (Kelly Reno) a courageous young boy and The Black a wild Arabian stallion 'stranded on a desolate island, the two share a frightening adventure of survival that forges a lasting bond of friendship between them. Upon their rescue, Alec and the magnificent horse continue their adventures when they join forces with ex-jockey and horse trainer Henry Dailey (Mickey Rooney). Recognizing the winning combination of The Black's remarkable spirit and Alec's unwavering devotion to his friend, Dailey takes both under his wing and prepares them to go head to head with the world's best thoroughbreds in "the race of the century."

Reflections of Glory: the Origins of Byzantine Art

Gemini

Arts 400.5

Documentary

1989

VHS

20 minutes

Part of a Series



The history of icons -- from the earliest Christian art found in the catacombs to the pinnacle of Byzantine culture -- is explored in this completely revised version of "Reflections of Glory: the Origins of Icons." Through its vivid imagery and narration the viewer learns of the visual tradition of the Eastern churches: making the invisible visible. The icon is more than a work of art; it becomes a vehicle through which one approaches the divine. By strict adherence to the canons of iconography, icons are "timeless in their beauty and ageless in their message."

Babette's Feast

Orion

Arts 400.31

Drama

1988

VHS

102 minutes

Part of a Series

In Babette's Feast, a woman flees the French civil war and lands in a small seacoast village in Denmark, where she comes to work for two spinsters, devout daughters of a puritan minister. After many years, Babette unexpectedly wins a lottery, and decides to create a real French dinner-- which leads the sisters to fear for their souls. Joining them for the meal will be a Danish general who, as a young soldier, courted one of the sisters, but she turned him away because of her religion. The village elders all resolve not to enjoy the meal, but can their moral fiber resist the sensual pleasure of Babette's cooking?

Chariots of Fire

Warner Bros.

Arts 400.32

Drama

1984

VHS

124 minutes

Part of a Series

The time is 1924. Britain's finest athletes have begun their quest for glory in th Olympic Games. Their success will win honor for their nation -- but for two champion runners, the honor at stake is a personal honor...and their challenge one from within.

The Assisi Underground

Cannon Productions

Arts 400.33

Drama

1984

VHS

115 minutes

Part of a Series

"The Assisi Underground" is a 1984 feature that stars Ben Cross as a determined and courageous Catholic priest who risks his own life to rescue thousands of persecuted Jews fleeing the Nazis in WW II Italy.

God in the Dock

Paulist Productions

Arts 400.26

Drama

1980

VHS

30 minutes

Part of a Series

Victims of wars, concentration camps, and three contemporaries put God on trial for permitting so many innocent people to suffer untold agony over the centuries. Set in a modern courtroom with a prosecuting attorney and defense counsel, the drama pits accusers against the deity. It is a gripping, suspenseful drama with a surprise ending.

Les Miserables

ITC Entertainment Group

Arts 400.11

Drama

1978

VHS

123 minutes

Part of a Series

His crime: stealing a loaf of bread. His sentence: serve years in a brutal prison. But resourceful Jean Valjean escapes. And grim Inspector Javert sets out to see that Valjean is recaptured...and that the state's cruel justice is served. Victor Hugo's classic work comes to powerful screen life in an ... acclaimed film set against the backdrop of barricaded streets and violent political upheaval in the post-Napoleonic era.

The Giving Tree

Churchill Media

Arts 400.34

Animation

1973

VHS

10 minutes

Part of a Series

Based on the book and drawings of Shel Silverstein, this is the story of a generous tree that participates in the life stages of the "boy" who makes requests for the tree's help.

The Great Mr. Handel

Vision Video

Arts 400.18 | Drama | 1942 | DVD | 110 minutes | Part of a Series

This story deals with the later stages of Handel's life, leading up to the composing of his masterpiece "Messiah." During his early years in London, Handel had enjoyed the King's patronage and people flocked to the theatres to see his operas. But soon fashionable society turned against him. Plagued by financial worries and ill health and abandoned by almost everyone except those closest to him, Handel shut himself away and worked day and night on "Messiah."

Creativity: Touching the Divine

Arts 400.3 | Documentary | | VHS | 60 minutes | Part of a Series

Creativity: Touching the Divine brings together artists and non-artists who have experienced the joyful tandem of spirituality and creativity.

Everyday Creativity

Star Thrower

Arts 400.24 | Interactive | | DVD | 20 minutes | Part of a Series

Everyday Creativity teaches a surprising truth about creativity that its not a magical, mysterious occurrence, but a ready tool that enables you to look at the ordinary and see the extraordinary. Hosted by photojournalist Dewitt Jones, this best selling training program shares Dewitt's inspirational stories, memorable locations, and stunning examples of his work.

You'll feel inspired and encouraged to apply his simple, yet powerful life techniques to your everyday challenges. Viewers will learn that creativity is not about being artistic, but about having the right attitude!