

# Lime's Xmas

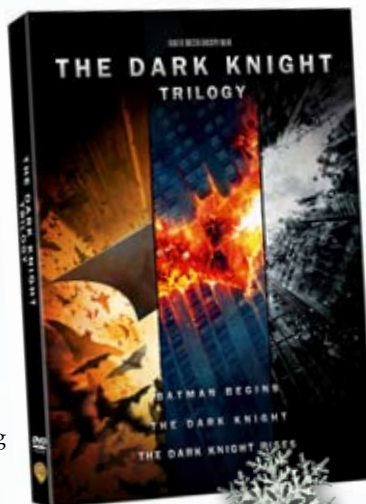
One of the most anticipated films of the year, arguably the most anticipated film of all-time, 'The Dark Knight Rises' is the epic conclusion to the Batman trilogy as imagined by Christopher Nolan. As well as the real-world reinvention the director has also created a number of iconic characters for the big screen. One which has remained constant is The Tumbler, the brutally uncompromising Batmobile that Christian Bale has used since the first film.

We were given a chance to ride along in the vehicle at a top secret location. Not only that but we also spoke to Chris Corbould, the special effects supervisor on the trilogy. It really was an opportunity that we couldn't pass up, especially with The Dark Knight Rises about to hit the shelves on DVD and Blu-ray.

Lime sent along Movies Editor and self-confessed bat-nerd Cassam Looch, and here's what happened....

Before I got in the Tumbler, I got to see and hear it race around the track. It growled as imagined it would, surely this was just for the benefit of the movies?

"Absolutely not. What you hear here in the film is all real, we haven't added anything to make it louder" said Chris Corbould, the man who helped create the vehicle. The original concept came from Chris and Jonathan Nolan, and at first Corbould thought it was going to be a tough ask to bring it to life from



"When we filmed it on the streets were doing some serious speeds. It can hit 100mph..." When you see the size of the thing, up close, you get a real sense of what an achievement this really is.

As I made my rather clumsy entry into the passenger side, I could see what Chris meant when he talked about the views from inside. I was in the same cockpit that had been home to Christian Bale, and Chris mentioned how eager the actor was to do as much of the driving himself as was possible.

the pages he had been given.

"The wheels, for example, we thought we were going to have to make especially. But the numbers we would have to manufacture just made that impossible, so we looked online and managed to find them. It's a real vehicle, you'll see when you go round the track that it can do almost all of the things you see on screen".

Clearly this just made me all the more eager to get into the vehicle.

There are four working Tumblers in existence. A fifth one was destroyed in the course of filming. Corbould says that we get to see it do pretty much everything that is possible with such a creation.

In The Dark Knight we saw the dramatic reveal of the Batpod bike emerge from the bowels of the wreckage of a Tumbler, and in final instalment Bruce Wayne takes to the air when

the streets of Gotham become overrun by cops and goons, all eager to capture Batman.

For my ride I was going to be on the ground, but believe that was an experience like no other. The sound is deafening, and the ease with which we raced around corners came as a real surprise. This is a huge object, but it can handle almost everything that is thrown at it.

It's unlikely that you'll be getting one of these for Christmas this year, but why not check out what it can do when The Dark Knight Rises hits the stands on various formats.

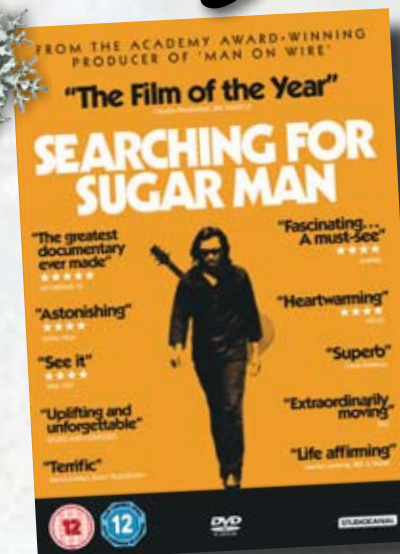
My Christmas came early though; this was a truly memorable experience... I'm still smiling as I type this.

**The Dark Knight Rises and The Dark Knight Trilogy arrive on Blu-ray, DVD and digital download from 3rd December.**



**THE DARK KNIGHT RISES TUMBLER AND CHRIS CORBOULD**

# Gift Guide



One of this year's other big hits was the superb documentary 'Searching for Sugar Man'. Malik Bendjelloul tells the story of Rodriguez, one of the most important voices in a generation. Following early success, especially away from his native America, the reserved singer-songwriter disappeared into obscurity.

Rumours circulated about what had happened to Rodriguez, including reports about him dramatically committing suicide on stage. The truth, as ever, is for more interesting...

"It's a film about hope, inspiration and the resonating power of music, and that music can be heard on the Original Motion Picture Soundtrack, available now through

Sony Legacy Recordings and Light In The Attic Records. Comprising tracks from Cold Fact and its 1971 follow-up Coming From Reality (reissued to critical acclaim in 2008 and 2009, respectively), the soundtrack begins with the otherworldly Sugar Man and acts as a primer to this long-overlooked musician's fusion of gritty funk, political poetry and blissful psych-folk."

We were going to list the extras that you can pick up along with the film, but we wouldn't want to spoil the surprise. Just be sure to get your hands on this as soon as you can, you won't be disappointed!

**RELEASED ON DVD, BLU-RAY & EST ON 27TH DECEMBER 2012**

## ALSO RECOMMENDED

### One for the family - 'Avenger Assemble'



A smash-hit, probably the best Blockbuster of the year, this is the perfect film to gather round and watch over Christmas. There is something for everyone, with action and humour by the bucket load.

### One for the kids - 'Brave'

It might not be the usual Pixar fare, but this lively animation is entertaining and stunningly visualised. It's hard not to get drawn into the story with



excellent acting from the voice cast to go with the flawless look of the film.

### One for the big kids - '21 Jump Street'

Channing Tatum and Jonah Hill team up for this remake of a Johnny Depp TV series. Rather than playing it straight, the hapless duo go for the laughs and it pays off wonderfully. Great gags and a cameo you will have to see to believe. Also worth getting...

We really enjoyed 'Ted' earlier this year. It might



**Young Adult**

be a bit near the knuckle for some, but if you're used to the 'Family Guy' brand of humour, where nothing is off limits, then this is one you'll be chuckling along to well into the New Year.

'Prometheus' might not have met its own lofty ambitions, but the Blu-ray does offer up more answers to those of us who were left just a bit bemused by the film at the cinemas.

You might not want to give 'Young Adult' to that special lady in your life, especially if you

want her to talk to you ever again, but Charlize Theron is outstanding in the title role of this indie comedy. Just don't make the mistake of telling her that the character reminds you of her... ahem, not that anyone we know was that silly...

And finally, if you really want to get the blood-pumping this Christmas, how about offering up the insane action of 'The Raid'? The perfect gift for him, trust us, we've seen the reaction at several screenings, and it's been nothing short of ecstatic!