

Fist of Fun Press Release

Fist of Fun was on TV in 1995. And since then, despite the popularity and artistic credibility of its writers and stars Stewart Lee and Richard Herring, it has never been repeated, never been released, and never been included as part of those 100 best sketch programs that turn up from time to time.

So finally, on 6th December 2011, Go Faster Stripe will be gambling its economic future by putting that right, and releasing a four disc set of the first series.

Late last year GFS heard that the BBC's DVD making department had a meeting where they decided "neither Sales nor Marketing believed that Lee & Herring had much sales potential in the current market" leaving the door open for an idiotic independent producer to licence the material. So Stew and Rich clubbed together with Go Faster Stripe and stumped up the money and bought the rights.

And they have made a beautiful thing. The set contains all the episodes, each with commentary tracks from Rich and Stew. And there's a couple of commentaries from Kevin Eldon and Ben Moor too. There's the unbroadcast pilot episode, a modern day interview with the pair as they go through a box of 90s memorabilia, and there's even the disappointing live show recorded at the height of their TV fame.

On discs 3 and 4 – in what they think is a first – they have included all the surviving studio tapes from the show recordings. That's all the retakes, all the between take banter as well as a load of deleted scenes. And so as this is not too daunting, there's a 3500 word essay printed inside the sleeve which discusses these studio recordings in detail.

There's also a DVD Rom scrapbook section on disc 4 that contains just under 100 files – filmed and unfiled scripts, scanned in posters, press releases, pictures, fan club letters and an mp3 audio bootleg.

Go Faster Stripe is a little DVD making business formed in 2005 and based in Cardiff. Their DVDs capture the live sets of comedians who are ace, but perhaps not quite exposed enough to attract the attention of a large corporate DVD company. Their first recording was of Stewart Lee's 90s Comedian, and their second was Richard Herring's Someone Likes Yoghurt. The DVD set will be their 40th release. They have invested everything they have earned in Fist of Fun. This is their first press release.

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