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# ARTS

To the artist in all of us...

## Three for the VCR

by Gurn Blansen

**I**F your taste in movies run in the unusual or artsy vein, here are a few choices of recent and up-coming video releases.

*The Cook, The Thief, His Wife & Her Lover* was perhaps the most controversial art house film released last year and deservedly so. It is both a fascinating and unrelentingly graphic analogy of England under Margaret Thatcher.

Definitely a film for those who are not easily offended, *The Cook etc.* can be a very intellectually rewarding, and visually sumptuous experience. Please Note: If possible rent the letterboxed video version of the film. Not only does it present the picture in its original wide-screen format, but it also carefully preserves director Peter Greenaway's meticulous visual composition.

Kenneth Branagh's *Henry V* is a gloriously splendid film adaptation of the Shakespearean.

Branagh, the director-star eschews the pageantry and patriotism of the 1945 Olivier version, in favour of a much more visceral and realistic presentation.

Branagh portrays Henry with

just the right amount of brash bravado that one expects from such a young and inexperienced king. His soliloquies, climaxing with the



captivating St. Crispin Day speech, are delivered with such a natural understanding of the text, that somehow Branagh transforms Shakespeare's traditionally stodgy verbiage into a genuinely vital and vibrant sounding language that can even be enjoyed by finicky modern audiences. With this film Branagh has finally demonstrated that the works of the immortal Bard can be adapted in such a way that even the young people of today can be entertained by plays written 300 years ago.

*A Shock To The System* is a little gem of a film starring Michael Caine.

Although it remains unreleased theatrically in Canada, this 1989 film is eons away from your average direct-to-video release. Made on a conservative budget, *A Shock To The System* is a darkly comic ode to the underdog.

This is a film for anyone who has ever been passed over for advancement and had the urge to get even. Caine is perfectly cast in the lead, and it is his impish portrayal that gives this lip-smacking movie its zip. This unfairly overlooked film should finally get the audience it deserves, on video.

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