

# LAUREL & HARDY – THE DEFINITIVE RESTORATIONS

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The noted author, film conservator, historian, and Block-Heads tent Grand Sheik Emeritus **Richard W. Bann** has just announced the upcoming release of 19 **Laurel and Hardy** comedies that have been meticulously restored by **Jeff Joseph/SabuCat** in conjunction with the **UCLA Film and Television Archive** and the **Library of Congress**. Using careful photochemical and digital techniques, these classic films have been restored to pristine condition. In these stunning new transfers, the films look and sound as beautiful as they did when they were first released.

**Stan and Ollie** look and sound great in the new 2K and 4K digital restorations made from the original 35mm nitrate films.

**Laurel and Hardy's** classic comedies are presented here in the best quality since their first release over 75 years ago! The

release contains two features and 17 shorts, including the legendary pie-fight silent film **THE BATTLE OF THE CENTURY**, making its video debut and nearly complete for the first time in over 90 years!



## The DVD is packed with Bonus Materials:

- Commentaries by **Randy Skretvedt** and **Richard W. Bann**
- Never before seen video and audio interviews with L&H co-workers
- Over 2,500 rare photos, posters, scripts and studio files
- Alternate Soundtracks and Music Tracks
- "Ship's Reporter" Interview of **Oliver Hardy** (restored)
- **THAT'S THAT** (restored/first time on video — gag reel to honor Stan's birthday)
- **THE TREE IN A TEST TUBE** (restored from 16mm color Kodachrome)
- L&H off-screen pictures from **Oliver Hardy's** collection
- Restored Trailers

(at left, **Dick Bann**)

**Films included in the release: Features:** Sons of the Desert      Way Out West

**Short Subjects:**      Berth Marks      Brats      Busy Bodies      The Chimp  
Come Clean      County Hospital      Helpmates      Hog Wild      Me and My Pal  
Midnight Patrol      The Music Box      One Good Turn      "Scram!"      Their First Mistake  
Towed in a Hole      Twice Two  
The Battle of the Century (virtually complete & restored silent with new music track by Donald Sosin)

**The release on DVD and Blu Ray is set for June 16**

(the 130th anniversary of Stan Laurel's birth). Pre-orders will begin in May at Amazon.

Watch side-by-side comparisons of restored footage on YouTube:

ME AND MY PAL:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BP6iG4k4zoQ&fbclid=IwAR2G7or1GZpntnhoWrab0WYayr5HOR-Vc4BB676oTt8xiDXlx-9Bli8a7qrY>

THEIR FIRST MISTAKE: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HCSElv-koGo>

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