

WASHINGTON AREA COMPUTER USER GROUP
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The June disk contains 8 short action films that you can play on your computer. *The Hire*, from BMW Films, debuted in 2001, marking a new era in short films. Executive-produced by **David Fincher** and starring **Clive Owen**, this revolutionary series of short films brought the power and quality of feature-length movies to a format designed for the home computer.

DAVID FINCHER EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

David Fincher entered the film industry at age 18. Within a year, he was working at Industrial Light and Magic. In 1983, he moved on to directing TV commercials and music videos. In 1987, he founded Propaganda with three other directors and has since become a successful movie director. Fincher creates films that grab the imagination and hold it captive until the final frame. An early believer in the potential of short digital films, he was instrumental in working with BMW to create *The Hire* Film Series. As Executive Producer, he contributed to the success of each film from the concept stage to the writing to the selection of directors.

AMBUSH On a dark freeway, a van swerves close to the driver and the door slides open. From inside, masked gunmen threaten to fire unless the driver stops and surrenders his passenger, a seemingly harmless man they accuse of smuggling diamonds. It's a simple choice: Do or die. Legendary director **John Frankenheimer** and star **Clive Owen** combine talents to create a dramatic chase with some unexpected twists.
Running Time: 6:06 Parental guidance suggested. Contains mature themes.



CHOSEN The driver meets a ship carrying an eight-year-old Tibetan boy at a dark, deserted New York shipyard. But he's not the only one waiting. **Ang Lee**, director of the Oscar-winning *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* and star **Clive Owen** create a thrilling, yet beautiful, tale filled with mystery.
Running Time: 6:39 Parental guidance suggested. Contains moderate violence.

THE FOLLOW The cunning and tactics of trailing another car quickly evolve into a mystery rife with deceit, as The Driver is hired to follow a woman accused of cheating on her famous husband. Discover acclaimed director **Wong Kar-Wai's** ability to play heart against mind in this drama of mistrust.
Running Time: 8:47 Parental guidance suggested. Contains mature themes.



POWDER KEG Soldiers patrol fields and rural villages. Their mission: Find a photojournalist who has snapped a picture certain to unite the world against their leader. Alejandro González Iñárritu directs Clive Owen as the photographer's driver and sole hope of getting him and his film beyond the strongly guarded border.
Running Time: 8:14 Parents strongly cautioned. Contains violence and offensive language.

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STAR The driver faces perhaps his most perplexing challenge: Coming face-to-face with a hugely talented and successful rock star. But beneath her beauty lies a problem she always gets what she wants. Guy Ritchie directs Clive Owen and a surprise guest star in a battle of power against power.
Running Time: 6:54 Parental Guidance Suggested: Contains adult language and moderate violence



The remaining three films were released in 2004:

BEAT THE DEVIL Decades ago, the legendary James Brown sold his soul to the devil for fame and fortune. Now he wishes to renegotiate. Hired to take Mr. Brown to a rendezvous with the devil (Gary Oldman), the driver soon finds himself entangled in fiendish plans. Tony Scott directs Clive Owen in a satirical duel between good and evil.
Running Time: 8:40 Parental Guidance Suggested. Contains mature themes.

HOSTAGE The driver races to locate a kidnapped victim locked in the trunk of an abandoned car somewhere on the water's edge. Linked to her only by cell phone, the driver narrows in on her location in a desperate race against time and tide. Preeminent action director John Woo and star Clive Owen pair to create this fast-paced action thriller.
Running Time: 8:38 Parental Guidance Suggested. Contains mature themes.

TICKER The driver rescues a mysterious messenger carrying an even more mysterious briefcase after an ambush on a rural highway. As a helicopter gunman relentlessly pursues them, a game of political intrigue plays out, with an unforeseen ending. Acclaimed new director Joe Carnahan helms Clive Owen, Don Cheadle, and F. Murray Abraham in this thrilling race against time. Running Time: 8:40. Parental Guidance Suggested. Contains mature themes.

NOTES: Although some of these films were included on previous WACUG Disks of the Month, this disk contains the complete collection of the movies in .WMP (Windows Media Player) format. Previous releases were in the Apple .MOV format.