



## EDITOR'S PICK

**One-on-One Training with Jackie (Lion's Gate):**

In season three of *Work Out*, we continue to get our dose of drama from exercise diva Jackie Warner and her fitness-trainer underlings, and yet another romance between Jackie and a fit young woman. If seeing Warner once a week is not enough, she has offered up another option: a workout DVD.

It was just a matter of time, folks. In this train-like-a-celebrity video, Warner is at the center of three half-naked girls with six packs (Rebecca, Agnostina and Renessa) and one boy who is covered up and wearing a baseball cap (Jesse). We get upper body, lower body and core/abs workouts, with generous camera zoom-ins of Warner and the girls' tight bods. And best yet, we don't have to spend \$400 an hour to exercise with Jackie. ([lionsgate.com](http://lionsgate.com))

— Colleen M. Lee

# Murder and Mayhem

Queer films offer reckless abandon on a platter. | **By Candace Moore**

Love leads to murder in two dark gothic films about lady executioners, while a new Web-based TV show makes us pee our pants in a good way.

**Under the Raven's Wing (Blue Eyed Productions, Inc.):**

Smartly, this low-budget horror flick (from writer-director Susan Adriensen) incorporates amateurish camera work into its plot, à la *The Blair Witch Project*. We are positioned behind an aspiring documentary filmmaker's lens as he captures the confessions of a murderous and sensuous coven, and comments lasciviously. Over the course of the film, flirty Angel, shy Jessie and the goth ringleader, Raven, slowly reveal why they killed a man (the group thinks murder is a gift that allows souls to "transcend" to better dimensions), and explore the queer dynamics among the three of them. Adriensen's strength lies in delving into the psychology of cult making—Raven acts simultaneously as sister, mother, lover, disciplinarian, healer and guru, helping her charges process past traumas as she pets them and plays with their hair. Group sex is also a coven staple, and when the cameraman leaves his post to join in, he becomes more involved than he'd anticipated. Never scary, this character-driven film is certainly dark. ([undertheravenswing.com](http://undertheravenswing.com))