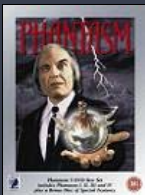


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A Frightful Phantasm Boxed Set for Halloween !

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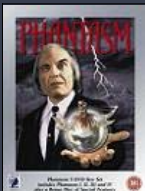
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'Phantasm Boxed Set' will be available for pre-order via AmazonUK shortly, and as of yet there has been no US release date given.

All titles are also available separately.

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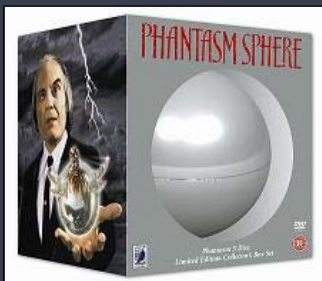
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