

Re: Mercury Movies?

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OM wrote:

On 22 Aug 2005 14:49:29 -0700, cfleon@xxxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

I'm doing research for an article on (fictional) treatment of the various planets in the mass media; and while I've found plenty of movies or television shows dealing with Mars or Luna, some with Venus, several with Jupiter (or its moons), a couple with Saturn, and even one with Uranus (Journey to the Seventh Planet), I can't find any that do anything more than just mention Mercury, Neptune, or Pluto (Pluto gets MENTIONED a lot, but nothing more). Does anyone know any that actually visit these planets? Animated shows would be alright. If anyone's interested, I can post the lists of what I already have.

...WRT Pluto, that BBC "sci-fi mocumentary" featuring a Grand Tour mission that covered Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Io, Europa, Saturn's Rings, and Pluto, covered the majority of them. They deliberately skipped Mercury, and at the time of such a mission later in this century, Uranus and Neptune were way out of range. Pluto specifically gets visited because they're setting up a telescope array there. One that gets reprogrammed along the way to search for Earth-like planets

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instead of just stars going >BWOOM< and the like.

At least one of the episodes of "Roughnecks - The Starship Troopers Chronicles" is set on Pluto. It even has Charon visible in the sky. It's a peculiarly well-lit Pluto, and it's odd to see that the bugs can survive the vacuum and low temperatures despite the fact that they are wearing no suits: <http://www.trooperpx.com/RSTC/DVD01a.gif>

A bug rears up on Pluto, and is silhouetted against Charon:

http://www.sf-fan.de/sf-film/tv/roughnecks/bug_howl.jpg

Our boys on Pluto, ready to kick some arachnid ass:

<http://www.sf-fan.de/sf-film/news/roughnecks.jpg>

Then there's "The Uranus Experiment" about Russia and America racing to land a person on the planet (okay, so the idea may be slightly faulty unless your landing craft is a bathysphere) but its part of the "Ura