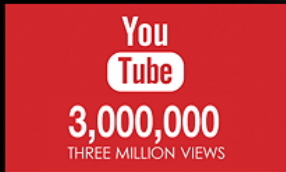


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GAME OF THRONES

THE VIRTUAL FINAL SEASON



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Praise for *Game of Thrones: The Virtual Final Season*

"That was **fantastic**," LL shared on YouTube. "Mind, I think (and definitely hope) it was **much more brutal than D&D will be**. Bravo!"

Juliana Toloza called our episodes "**astoundingly good**" and Dratheart wrote: "**These actors are really good.**"

My Jolly Sailor Bold wrote: "That was AWWWESOME...It was a **heartbreaking** and **breathtaking** but also **cathartic** ending...I bent the knee to this really talented team."

Elizabeth Goreman weighed in on Twitter: "Take the time to binge this. **The writing is so satisfying!**"

Jackie Frankovich gave our alternate season 8 very high praise: "**This is my canon.**"

[GrayArea](#), whose terrific [GoT videos](#) offered the BU writers insight about relative army strengths, said: "**It's awesome**. I still think BU has **the best possible cold opening** for *Game of Thrones* season 8, and I like their reading of Daenerys finding out about Viserion **better than the actual episode**. I also really like their comparison between Jon and Ned. Jon talks about Daenerys and Arya approves. Arya says, 'Father married a Southern girl, and yours has dragons.' They understood the characters. They nailed Daenerys. [Watch their entire season](#) – **it was amazing and I think you're gonna like it.**"

[Chris Christian](#) created [enhanced edits of our episodes](#) for his popular **SmokeScreen** channel. He added vivid scenery to help orient viewers during the narration. "**Boston University's season 8 is absolutely outstanding. It really is good writing,**" he said. "There are parallels to earlier seasons, and I love the symmetry. There's a lot of great dialogue. Whether you agree with everything that happens in this virtual season or not, **this is a huge undertaking and a very cool project**. They did all this live for two days with no rehearsals. **It's the first of its kind**, and I really appreciate being a part of it."

* We're honored and humbled to have 3,483,106 combined YouTube views as of 3.10.20. Thanks!

Read on for more reviews and favorite fan moments, then share your own experiences and thoughts! Watch all the episodes and **read all six annotated scripts** at virtualfinalseason.com/GoT/about-us/.

[LL](#)

That was fantastic. ...Mind, I think (and definitely hope) it was much more brutal than D&D will be. Bravo!

[Lori Edvardsen](#)

Gray Area was right. This is great.

[Jackie Frankovich](#)

This is my canon

[Juliana Toloza](#)

astoundingly good.

[Miles Rebeiro](#)

Yup here again after the real season 8, had to watch this again to feel better

[Snarky Puppy](#)

the last thirty minutes of this is tough... you knew it was coming but its painful to see my favorite five characters die in one scene and its only episode three

[Brenda Charisse](#)

The body count alone made this epic BUT that cliffhanger took it to 11

[Serial Margaret](#)

You all are fuckers. Killing everyone. You die and you die and you die, you all die! Loved it.

[Madi Goldman](#): I wrote the last half of 803... who's mad at me?

[K blalack](#)

I'm sitting here, nose all stuffed up, wiping and hiding tears from the family.. over FICTION!!! Congratulations! I applaud your work.. Once my ears recuperate from having ear buds in all day I'm going to listen again.. good job you guys.. can't thank you enough! My hat's off to you! ♡

[What did you do to Snoke](#)

Is this really an American university that did this? The voice acting actually makes them sound British!

[Paul Davis](#)

The narrator sounds like James Lipton from 'Inside The Actors Studio'. That adds a certain gravitas to proceedings.

[jenmeremaid](#)

Imaginative and cunning. Well done! Now I can't wait to see what the show does (as if I couldn't wait before!). You folks should go far in the entertainment industry. All of you are very talented. Thanks for such a fun time!

[Elizabeth Phillips](#)

The guy reading Jon is terrific! He really has the northern accent down, and it's not an easy one.

[Christine Mott](#)

Fabulous reading!!

[aaron weers](#)

Man, a lot of these voices are dead on.

[Tracy Whitlock](#)

...Im LOVING it!!! Your Arya Jon reunion had me weeping in my car... GREAT JOB, BRAVO

[Zoe Blackmore](#)

Certainly the best thing to listen to in the Long Night before season 8. Really hope the TV series can at least match this.

[Pablo Alvestegui](#)

Congratulations on your outstanding work, I loved it, script, performance and all...

[Samantha Dunscomb](#)

Enjoyed it very much! Good job everyone 👍 Just wondering how close you guys got to the finale season. So excited 🤗❤️

[Roel Morillo](#)

...These narratives are.....fu@/<!ng badass!!!!

[Lydia Quinn](#)

... Omg! This is amazing! Riveting! Acting superb! Some voices are so similar, especially Jon and Arya, Tormund! Wow, Tyrion and Dany, even Cersei. The syncopation is dead on. Yes the narrators pronunciation is off here and there but his voice is great. I'm so emotional weeping as I'm listening... I have chills on and off! Bravo!

[robert doran](#)

I just cried when Sansa met Jon in the crypt after Jon was told of his real heritage. I must be getting soft in my old age

[bridge4](#)

great production. loved the witty lines as well as the subtle wordplay hidden behind many other lines Bravo to everyone involved. and thank you for making this!

[dannabats](#)

Smoke screen and gray area sent me. Well done.

[MarshieFire X](#)

Is this how it really ends?

[Joe Ann Todd](#)

It was wonderful but I really hope GOT doesn't go down like this. It breaks my heart.

[Futureforward](#)

Sir Jorah survived to continue existence as the saddest man in Westeros. Would have been kinder to kill him off. [#eternalfriendzone](#)

[Ellen](#)

Just discovered this and I absolutely love it!!!

[Jordan Evans](#)

You all did great but whoever the guy reading Euron is makes a GREAT villain

[IAmRedherrings](#)

Love how involved some actors became, like the tormund/euron guy

[RachMakes Cakes](#)

Just finished listening and this was really well done. And while I hope the show answers more questions than this did, it all makes sense and feels plausible. Great job everyone involved!

[mary](#)

This warmed my heart it is like watching the real episode

[Eldrik Stone](#)

... I am in awe of your reasoning behind the writing of this potential script. Your research was definitely thorough and as such this is all extremely plausible and quite moving. Bravo and great work Ladies and Gents.

[Mathew Styles](#)

guy reading Bran, plays a good Bran... that special bit of creepy

[Malachi wiggins](#)

The night king taking over bran during the wedding was just amazing

[obianuju chinemelu](#)

Ooh. I'm done after six hours. This was really good work. Good job

[Dyane Dauphinee](#)

Up till 4am listening , could not sleep, incredible talent! !!..Bravo!

[Grahame Cuff](#)

I have to say you all put forth a wonderful example of what's to come. I very much enjoyed the interpretation put forth here!

[Alene Camp](#)

AMAZING WORK YESSS YOU GUYS DID THE DAMM THING I LOVE THIS FANTASTIC GOOD WRITING.

[elaine alvarez](#)

... Very well done. Gave me an emotional rollercoaster you did. I Love that he got to keep Ghost he is his other half. Very Bitter Sweet made me cry. I could see it all happening as I Listened. I spent my Saturday in a Trance of Game of Thrones.

[Anita Liberato](#)

Is this real? Or is this just a mock script sent from HBO to mislead the hell outtah us? Im shook

[jackflashmclain](#)

Can someone explain how Cersei/The Mountain were [snip]...

[Jawjagrrl](#)

You weren't paying close enough to that scene. I won't spoil it for others, but encourage you to listen again. Hint: this is the isle of *faces*. That bit would be pretty fun if it actually happened on the show.

[East Coast Life Style](#)

When Cersie and the mountain [snip]...!! "Smells like fucking death in there!" 🤔👉👉👉👉 This actually was a pretty awesome thing especially it being part of a university class!

[Jake Latto](#)

Well written season from very talented people, enjoyed every episode

[KIM LITTLE](#) Replying to [@ThisGrayArea](#)

You're right about that. They did understand [the characters] 100%. I loved it.

[DamoSvas](#)

That was a tough run. Kicked my ass. If GOT S8 has the courage to kill off so many main characters and make the NK so hard to to kill, then the last season will be epic. [Snip] turning into the [snip] will just mess people up. ...

[GEORGEGEORGEIII](#)

This is fantastic. If the final season is 75% as good as this it will be a grand success!

[Roberta MacKinnon](#)

I don't know how close to the show you are, but this was an awesome reading. Thx! I loved it.

[Khalil Jaffar](#)

It was awsome experience, closed my eyes and heard the voices of different characters... It seems i was watching the series... Awsome

[Jono Petrohilos](#)

This is the best thing I've ever seen in YouTube!

[Christopher Morris](#)

I don't know how the actual show is going to live up to that

[Nick Name](#)

That was fantastic! Kudos to these students for all their hard work. I especially liked the parentage reveal to Jon. That was the scene that, to me, felt like a real GoT scene and had me immersed in the story.

[Oswald Thatendswald](#)

Arya "I wish father could see them"

Jon "I wish father could see you" Oh, god my chest! What I would give to see that dialogue actually happen. For some college kids they've got mad writing skills. We should be in for some fine entertainment when they graduate and start writing scripts of their own.

[DanayMichelle](#)

I guess I'm going back to school JUST to take a GOT course! 🤔👉👉👉👉

[Haunani Martin](#)

This is an engaging & entertaining exercise by this talented group of students. I like how they are following the old bard tradition of taking a well-known tale, & putting their spin on it. That said, holy effin guacamole! Is that crazy bitch Qyburn going to make Cersei an army of Whitewalkers?!? And, who is she going to make the leader? Her? The Mountain? Psycho Euron? I'm hanging by my fingernails until the next episode!

[issbiss11](#)

Daaaang this is really, really good! Cersei offering babies to the Night King! She so would!

[Slope](#)

Now I want this to happen give me some Wight babies crawling into battle

[Gus Matchain](#)

I had tears in my eyes when Ned shows up. This is such an excellent script.

[Lori Perkins](#)

[] can't die. He's my favorite. No no no! (Rocks back and forth in the fetal position.)

[Anita Reinhard](#)

this is making me cry at work! brilliant!

[Linda Guerrero](#)

OMG, I'm watching this and doing spreadsheets at work. Even though this is a virtual season and this is their vision of what will happen in season 8, I still gasped in shock and internally screamed, 'NOOOOO!', in certain places. It was brutal but not all our favorite characters are going to survive. They're going to make stupid decisions and let their guards down and get themselves killed.

[Lord Kev of House Fookin](#)

That was insane! I was honestly left breathless hearing it. These episodes just keep getting better and better

[Verónica Mastachi](#)

...I'm crying after Bran told Jon he is Aegon T <3 This is beautiful <3

[jenmeremaid](#)

... This is brilliant. Just finished episode #801. Well done!

[Shakita Mullins](#)

... This is awesome work.

[toonmili03](#)

I love it. I can't wait to hear more.

[Tracy Griffis](#)

I know most of this is not going to happen in the show but i couldnt help but tear up when Jamie bent the knee to Jon and Dany and during the wedding scene. These students have done an amazing job. They are very brave to share these with us bc ASOIF/GoT fans can be quite brutal 🥹🥹

[Gnome Friend](#)

I'm enjoying the heck out of these, thanks!

[dCell](#)

Awesome episode, cruel events happening loool, fits perfect in the canon. love it. :D

[dratheart](#)

...these actors are really good and I hope they go on to great futures and opportunities.

[Julie W](#)

How sad. [] walks into the white wasteland, alone with [] for eternity. The Starks will grieve for him for the rest of their lives knowing he lives in solitude.I hope that's not how it ends.

[dCell](#)

...it's bittersweet ending for sure and it really leaves with mixed emotions, hopefully it ends more happy in the canon series. What i did love was being able living through the experiences of this series. They did a great job with all kinds of different concepts.

[Joe Justo](#)

Oh my damn, if 10% of this were to occur on the show I would bawl.

[Chris germain](#)

I love this emotional rollercoaster it's just preparing me for the real HBO finale

[Nancy T](#)

That was Greatastic!!! 😊😊😊 Thank you!!! ❤️ Not gunna lie I wish there was more!!! 😊

[Elizabethty213](#)

Wonderfully done everyone! Thank you, what a special gift for us rabid fans 🤗 this has the best theories I have heard throughout this long night so far 🙏👉

[Teresa Orlandi](#)

Gray Area sent me. This is wonderful writing and beautiful characterisation. Well done to all! 😊😊😊👍

[Van Garnett](#)

I watched the episodes from Boston University when they first came out. I loved the entire series. I thought they all did a great job.

[Christian Oles](#)

This was really fun! Glad the university did this! Thanks

[East Awesome](#)

Can this group write for HBO? These stories are solid!

[Ravenwriter](#)

...Thank you to Boston University this was a great distraction from all the waiting.

[Jacqueline Hemmings](#)

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[smokindnd](#)

man don't know if HBO will be able to top this...

[Sheryl Dumont](#)

Oh my God, Oh my God.....Oh my freakin mind. That was the best one yet. Seriously, if the show we get is 1/2 as good as this, well Smokescreen, your live show afterwords will crash the internet.

[Marvee78](#)

Thank you. Really engaging writing and great entertainment. Will be fun to compare this to S8 to see how close they came to actual show.

[Debra Cecchi](#)

I enjoyed this immensely.

[TamHutchins](#)

Wow, what an amazing class!!! That's a fantastic idea and must have incredibly talented students!! I can't wait to see this unfold!

[Carole Brown](#)

BU Terriers getting it DONE!! [#BUAlumna](#)

[Sara Shawn Greenfield](#)

I'm curious what D&D and GRRM would think of this - I wonder if any of this could come to fruition. I actually gasped at a few scenes!!

[Memi Taylor](#)

Oh my God! I Loved it ❤️ I think everyone did a great job, I felt like I was watching the show. Thank you very much 😊

[conic9](#)

As a fellow BU student, great work!

[Robert Harris](#)

Loved it...very entertaining with top-notch performances by a talented cast!!!!

[Valar Morghulis](#)

Thank you smokes! and Boston University. I got chills and emotional knowing GOT is coming soon!

[Elizabethty213](#)

Omg I'm living for this! More please! 🙏

[WolfThorn HawkRidge](#)

That was a very good interpretation of what season 8 could be. I love that in Game of Thrones no one is safe. Excellent job

[Aaron Snow](#)

Good job you are I'm an over-the-road truck driver and I enjoyed listen to this while I was going down the road you guys did a wonderful job and I appreciate it thank you very much

[tammypescatelli](#)

I am blown away by your work, your reads, your acting and your accents! In a time where I am craving more GOT, I am thrilled to have stumbled upon you ! [#Bravo](#)

[Laura N.](#)

I can't believe that a University actually based a class for credit on GOT....HOWEVERhere I am watching and extremely intrigued by your thoughts!!! All of your acting was EXCELLENT!!! If ANY of this comes true....SHIT SAKE...WE ARE ALL IN FOR A ROLLERCOASTER

[Nelly Cassy](#)

How close is this to the real script? Story line sounded perfect and logical.

[McDavid Deserves Better](#)

Please let there be a kraken in season 8.

[Megan King](#)

I cannot believe this was posted a year ago. Their version is not only true to the characters but still holds true to GoT shock.

[Lydia Quinn](#)

BU live was awesome! Even if it's not the real deal I thoroughly enjoyed it! So amazing, great acting and wonderful to ease the long night.

[Nane Neunmalklug](#)

...I liked this while I was still waiting for S8E1 and now I came back after watching and I still like it. I wish the episode had half this witty conversations.

[theboyscanswim](#)

This is great! I watched your episode one before HBO's premiere and there's no doubt to me, that the University wrote a better premiere! I will gladly continue to enjoy it. Thanks!

[Tarja Resia](#)

Great Work

[Zerika Z](#)

This is so much better than what HBO did with the [wights]

[Neil Badger](#)

I love the relationship between The Hound and Arya in this :)

[Jacqueline Hemmings](#)

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[Lincy McGabby](#)

This episode was awesome for me 👉🔥😌 ... I LOVED THIS EPISODE!!!

[nefertiti1052](#)

Thank you guys for giving me a great ending to this story. I loved the writing and the acting as well, the little gestures and the tiny details like cersei's crown; you gave it your all and it really shows. Props to everyone with their accents and the emotion you gave it. 10/10

[David Milburn](#)

Excellent job! You should be proud of yourselves. I would love to have seen HBO make this...

[MrYeodaddy](#)

In my head, THIS is canon...

[Garrett Chan](#)

Very creative script and bravo to the readers. I like the theme of sacrifice here by Jon Snow - becoming something other than human [to] defeat the greatest threat. I'd love to see a fan made animatic using this script and more voices!

[XAustinSky](#)

This heals my heart...

[TAZY](#)

Cries in grief We could've had it aaaaaaall 😭

[Petra Halbur](#)

I am devastated that this isn't canon

[Lyndi Wittmann](#)

...I'm gonna save this reading for after season 8 because I don't want to watch the show thinking I would have preferred the Boston University plot.

[Elizabeth Goreman](#)

Take the time to binge this. The writing is so satisfying!

[Christopher Tegner](#)

...There is not one weak link in the chain - thanks for giving us something to digest in a style that is so different to what TV watchers experience- the narrative is spectacular and the writers definitely have a future in television writing as we go past the golden age of TV and into the era over-saturated overload of great content and too few hours to enjoy - talent like this will shine apart from the cluster and earn a place in our minds some day soon...

[K blalack](#)

Omg.. just finished listening to the whole thing.. all snotted up and bawling with the fam thinking I've lost it.. loved most of it... got ALL drawn in..still reeling like this just really happened..oh yea, had to crack a beer to cry in... yikes, that was rough!

[Memi Taylor](#)

Yes! The cast did a fantastic job!

[HypnoDREW](#)

The man who voices Jon Snow....FUCKING fantastic impression; upon first listening to this recording in the background I thought Kit was actually speaking. Very convincing.

[Nick Name](#)

... I think this is awesome! First I want to say I loved Theon's dream sequence, a final season scene with cameos by Ned and Ramsay and a dual role with Alfie as both Theon and Reek would be amazing. Sadly there's little time for such things. I also liked the arc of Cersei opening with a miscarriage and ending with kidnapping babies. I think the show has already gone full "Mad Queen" so it's a little redundant but I like writing of it, very GRRM. Thanks again Chris. And to the Students of BU: A+ 🏆

[Stephanie Nickels](#)

You guys smoked 'em. Great job!!

[Marvee78](#)

Thank you to Boston University and all the participants of this project. And thank you Smokescreen for bringing this to us. They made some interesting choices. Granted this series is GRRM's creation and I'm not expecting an Aragorn like ending for Jon, but the [snip] ending for him would be too cruel. Still fun and makes me realise how much work writing something like is.

[RoLo Calixte](#)

Awesome piece of work. Highly entertaining.

[Parker Washington](#)

Wow! That was great. I couldn't stop listening.

[Linda Isobel](#)

This is my canon GoT s8 now.

[Mark PJF85](#)

Very beautiful ending

[Aegon Stark](#)

I love the Arya line "father married a southern girl, yours has dragons."

GAME OF THRONES

"The Last Hearth"

Written by Matt Bretschneider and Aleeza Klarman

Based on *A Song of Ice and Fire* by George R. R. Martin

ARYA STARK (CONT'D)
How did you end up bedding a
Targaryen?

JON SNOW
What?

Arya smiles, mischief dancing in her eyes. Jon snorts.

JON SNOW (CONT'D)
You always were sharp.
(beat)
Are you disappointed in me?

ARYA STARK
Father married a Southern girl. And
yours has dragons.

Jon pulls Arya into a one-arm hug as they walk together.

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‘Winter Is Coming’ to Boston University



By Sophie Cannon

GLOBE CORRESPONDENT APRIL 26, 2018

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NICOLE “NIKITTYSAN” SHOBE

A limited-edition poster for BU’s “Game of Thrones: The Virtual Final Season.”

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On Saturday and Sunday, the students' six episodes will be presented in a staged reading over two days to a live audience (and also live-streamed by BUTV) in the new BU art space, formerly the Art Institute of Boston.

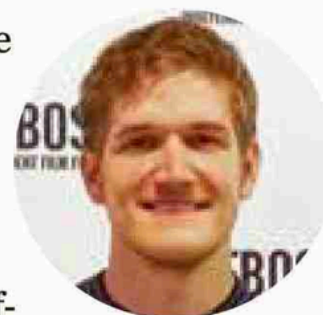
To sweeten the deal, HBO is lending the coveted Iron Throne — that larger-than-life chair made of swords

that armies fight to the death over — to be featured for photo-ops and as a centerpiece of the accompanying exhibit on the first floor of the theater.

For directions and more information visit www.virtualfinalseason.com/GoT/.

Burnham premieres movie at IFFB

Bo Burnham, the 27-year-old Hamilton native who parlayed a lot of hilarious **Tom Lehrer**-like YouTube performances into a successful Hollywood career, was at the Somerville Theatre this week to premiere his new movie, "Eighth Grade," at the Independent Film Festival Boston. Afterward, Burnham, who wrote and directed the movie, took a few questions from the audience. The movie stars young **Elsie Fisher** — she was there, too — as an awkward teen dealing with a disastrous eighth-grade year. It'll be released in July.



JUDY WONG

Cristela Guerra of the Globe staff and correspondent Sophie Cannon contributed. Read local celebrity news at bostonglobe.com/names. Names can be reached at names@globe.com.



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UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WRITE, CAST AND PERFORM THEIR OWN VERSION OF GAME OF THRONES SEASON 8



BY DAN SELCKE 1 YEAR AGO

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Can you not wait to watch the final season of *Game of Thrones*? You are not alone. Earlier this year, students at Boston University **broke and wrote their own versions of the final six scripts** for a class put together by a veteran TV writer/producer. Then they cast actors from the Boston area, secured a space, grabbed some props, and filmed a dramatic reading of their work. HBO even sent them an Iron Throne for their trouble.

<https://winteriscoming.net/2018/12/30/university-students-write-cast-perform-version-game-thrones-season-8/>



BOSTON

12 fun things to do in Boston this weekend

Drink up at the Power Beer Fest, experience a "virtual" final season of "Game of Thrones" and more.

By Matt Juul Published : April 25, 2018



"Game of Thrones: The Virtual Final Season"

As part of a special class, Boston University students have penned their own episodes for the final season of "Game of Thrones." Staged readings of their work will take place over the weekend and will also be streamed online. HBO is even sending over an Iron Throne to the event so fans can take selfies.

April 28-29, Boston University, 700 Beacon St., Boston, free, virtualfinalseason.com/GoT

<https://www.metro.us/things-to-do/boston/things-to-do-in-boston-this-weekend-april-26>