



# A London Trilogy The Films of Saint Etienne 2003-2007

From a beautifully conceived film-poem and an imaginative exploration of the Lower Lea Valley to an uplifting documentary on a London landmark, the collaborations between electronic indie trio Saint Etienne and filmmaker Paul Kelly (Lawrence of Belgravia) document London's ever-changing environment and landscapes with music by the band. Released together by the BFI on one DVD for the first time, on 15 July 2013, the trilogy is accompanied by a selection of rare and previously unavailable short films.

**Finisterre** (2003), directed by Paul Kelly and Kieran Evans, is a homage to London featuring a host of well-known voices including Mark Perry, Julian Opie, Vic Godard and Lawrence who've made the capital their own, soundtracked by songs from the Saint Etienne album of the same name.

What Have You Done Today Mervyn Day? (2005) follows paperboy Mervyn Day on his round, tracing the fascinating hidden history of East London's Lower Lea Valley in the years before it was redeveloped to become the Olympic Park. Guest voices include David Essex and Linda Robson.

Commissioned by the Royal Festival Hall to mark its renovation and grand reopening, **This is Tomorrow** (2007) lovingly records the immense labour and attention to detail that went into the refurbishment of one of London's most distinguished concert venues. It features interviews with the Hall's designers, past and present as well as Jeremy Deller and Alain de Botton.

Paul Kelly and Bob, Pete and Sarah from Saint Etienne are available for interview.

### **Special features**

- Banksy in London (2003): outtakes from Finisterre that document the artist's work, some of which is no longer in situ
- Today's Special (2004): a series of three shorts about London's disappearing cafés
- Monty the Lamb (2006): a day in the life of Monty, mascot for North London's Hendon FC
- The Other South Bank (2008): a look at Teeside's South Bank area
- Seven Summers (2012): Sarah Cracknell narrates this follow up to What Have You Done Today Mervyn Day?, which revisits the Lea Valley seven years on
- Illustrated booklet with an introduction by Paul Kelly and newly commissioned essays by Bob Stanley, Sukhdev Sandhu, Owen Hatherley and Tom Dyckhoff

#### **Product details**

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