



The British Transport Films Collection Volume Twelve The Driving Force

A wonderful new volume of rare and unseen films to thrill and excite lovers of train travel, British heritage and vibrant documentary filmmaking, *The Driving Force* joins the BFI's best-selling *British Transport Films Collection* series on 24 February 2014.

The twelfth volume in this highly popular series of double-DVD sets presents a selection of previously unreleased films which explore and illustrate the improvements and developments in train services that were offered by British Transport between 1955 and 1982.

Amongst the highlights of this new volume are the titular film, *The Driving Force* (1969), which details the vast programme under which the changeover from steam to diesel and electric traction was achieved; and *Partners in Prosperity* (1982), which outlines plans for a truly modern integrated road and rail transport structure in Scotland.

This digitally remastered collection, which is accompanied by a booklet containing an introductory essay and extensive film notes by BFI curators, is a must for the transport enthusiast and the documentary aficionado alike.

Special features

- *Belief in the Future* (1976): Internal communications film for British Rail in which Peter Parker, the then new BR chairman, addresses his employees on the challenges facing the industry
- Illustrated booklet with extensive film notes by BFI curators, and full credits

About the British Transport Film Unit

Following the nationalisation of public transport in 1948, the British Transport Commission set up its own in-house film production unit. Launched on 1st May 1949, British Transport Films was led for 25 years by Edgar Anstey – a founding father of the documentary movement in Britain – and became one of the country's largest industrial film units.

Curators from the BFI National Archive are available to talk about the BTF Film Unit

Product details

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