



Underground

A film by Emir Kusturica

Music by Goran Bregović

Underground, Emir Kusturica's deeply moving and masterful tragic-farce, earned the Serbian director/actor/musician his second Palme d'Or in 1995, securing his place amongst an elite group of filmmakers. This epic tale of friendship, betrayal and romantic entanglement, set against the backdrop of 50 turbulent years of Yugoslavian history, will be released on Limited Edition Blu-ray for the first time in the UK and in a 3-disc DVD set by the BFI on 29 February 2016. Special features included Kusturica's six-part TV cut of the film, *Once Upon a Time There Was a Country*, and a making-of documentary.

Marko (Miki Manojlović) and Blacky (Lazar Ristovski) are two charming rogues making a living on the black market by stealing arms to sell on to the Partisans. Both men are in love with actress Natalija (Mirjana Joković), and in the chaos of war, Marko orchestrates a way to eliminate his competition, by hiding him away in a cellar – for over 20 years – by means of an elaborate charade that the war is still going on.

The film's soundtrack is by Yugoslavian contemporary composer Goran Bregović, one of the most internationally known modern musicians and composers from the Balkans. He has also worked with Kusturica on his films *Time of the Gypsies* and *Arizona Dream*.

Special features

- *Once Upon a Time There Was a Country* (Emir Kusturica, 1995, 315 mins): The six-part TV version of *Underground*
- *Shooting Days* (Aleksandar Manic, 1996, 73 mins): a documentary charting the making of *Underground* shot whilst the film was in production
- *EPK items* (29 mins): Behind-the-scenes footage and interviews with the director, cast and production designer
- Trailer
- Illustrated booklet featuring essays and film credits

Blu-ray product details

RRP: £34.99 / Cat. no. BFIB1227 / Cert 15

France, Germany, Hungary / 1995 / colour / Serbo-Croat language, with optional English subtitles / 170 mins / Original aspect ratio 1.85:1

Disc 1: BD50 / 1080p / 24fps / 1080p / DTS-HD Master Audio 5.1 and PCM stereo audio (48KHz/16bits) / Disc 2: DVD9 / PAL / 25fps / stereo audio (192Kbps) / Disc 3: DVD9 / PAL / 25fps / stereo audio (192Kbps)

DVD product details

RRP: £29.99 / Cat. no. BFIV2074 / Cert 15

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Disc 1: DVD9 / PAL / 25fps / Dolby Digital 5.1 and 2.0 audio (48KHz/16bit) / Disc 2: DVD9 / PAL / 25fps / stereo audio (192Kbps) / Disc 3: DVD9 / PAL / 25fps / stereo audio (192Kbps)

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