



Cry of the City

A film by Robert Siodmak
Victor Mature, Richard Conte
and Shelley Winters

A masterpiece of law and disorder, Robert Siodmak's *film noir* classic depicts a timeless struggle between good and evil on the streets of New York. Charismatic criminal, Martin Rome (Richard Conte) is on the run from Lieutenant Candella (Victor Mature), a dogged cop and onetime friend. The two nemeses go head-to-head in a tense game of cat and mouse, leading to a dramatic showdown. After its welcome theatrical release last year, the BFI brings *Cry of the City* to both Blu-ray (in High Definition) and DVD formats on 22 August 2016, with special features that include an audio commentary.

Insolent, menacing yet darkly charming, Conte is magnificent, whilst Mature gives a career best performance as the unsettlingly obsessed detective.

Cry of the City boasts a glorious gallery of shady figures, from a lawyer oozing corruption to a memorably sadistic masseuse, whilst the film's steely realism is enhanced by flourishes of *noir* stylisation, anticipating the films of Martin Scorsese.

Special features

- **Presented in High Definition
- Original theatrical trailer
- Audio commentary by Adrian Martin
- *Adrian Wootton on Cry of the City* (2016, 26 mins): a newly filmed appreciation by the critic and chief executive of Film London
- **Illustrated booklet with full film credits and new writing by Frank Krutnik

** Blu-ray version only

Blu-ray Product details

RRP: £19.99/ Cat. no. BFIB1238 / Cert 12

USA / 1948 / 96 mins / black and white / English language, with optional hard-of-hearing subtitles / BD50 / 1080p / original aspect ratio 1.37:1 / PCM mono audio (48k/24-bit)

DVD Product details

RRP: £19.99/ Cat. no. BFIV2080 / Cert 12

USA / 1948 / 92 mins / black and white / English language, with optional hard-of-hearing subtitles / DVD 9 / original aspect ratio 1.37:1 / Dolby Digital 1.0 mono audio (160kbps)

Press contact:

Jill Reading, BFI Press Office, Tel: (020) 7957 4759 E-mail: jill.reading@bfi.org.uk

Images are available to download at www.image.net under BFI DVD & Blu-ray

BFI releases are available from all good home entertainment retailers or by mail order from the BFI Shop Tel: 020 7815 1350 or online at www.bfi.org.uk/shop

26 July 2016