



Daughters of the Dust A film by Julie Dash

**Dual Format Edition (DVD/Blu-ray) release
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The first widely released film by an African American female director, *Daughters of the Dust* was met with wild critical acclaim and rapturous audience response when it opened in 1991. The film and its legacy still resonates, most recently as a major influence in Beyoncé's video album *Lemonade*. This new restoration of Julie Dash's landmark film, by Cohen Media Group in conjunction with UCLA, and overseen by cinematographer Arthur Jafa, means audiences will finally see the film exactly as the director intended.

In South Carolina's Sea Islands at the dawn of the 20th century, a multi-generational family of the Gullah community – former west-African slaves who adopted many of their ancestors' Yoruba traditions – struggle to maintain their cultural heritage and folklore while contemplating a migration to the mainland and even further from their roots.

Special features

- Presented in High Definition and Standard Definition
- Audio Commentary with Julie Dash and Michelle Materre
- *An Interview with Julie Dash* (2017, 72 mins): the director in conversation with Dr Stephane Dunn
- *Q&A with director Julie Dash and actress Cheryl Lynn Bruce* (2017, 25 mins): from the 2016 Chicago International Film Festival, moderated by actress Regina Taylor
- *An Interview with Arthur Jafa* (2017, 51 mins): the cinematographer interviewed by Karen Alexander
- 2016 theatrical trailer
- Illustrated booklet with full film credits, essays and reviews by Jennifer DeClue, Gaylene Gould, Karen Alexander and Lizzie Francke

Product details

RRP: £19.99/ Cat. no. BFIB1273 / Cert PG

USA / 1991 / colour / 112 mins / English with optional hard-of-hearing subtitles / original aspect ratio 1.85:1 // BD50: 1080p, 24fps, PCM 1.0 mono (48kHz/24-bit) / DVD9: PAL, 25fps, Dolby Digital 1.0 mono (192kbps)

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