



**BFI Flipside presents**  
**The Orchard End Murder**  
A film by Christian Marnham

**Dual Format Edition (DVD/Blu-ray)  
release on 24 July 2017**

Set in an idyllic Kent village one balmy summer during the 1960s, *The Orchard End Murder*, an obscure British oddity from 1981, is a macabre tale of murder and mischief. Released in a Dual Format Edition on 24 July 2017, this is the 35<sup>th</sup> title on the BFI Flipside label, which rescues weird and wonderful British films from obscurity and presents them in new high quality editions on DVD and Blu-ray.

A young woman from the suburbs (Tracy Hyde, *Melody*), bored by a countryside tryst, wanders off to explore her surroundings. When she meets a gnome-like stationmaster and his towering, half-witted railway-worker friend (played by *Casualty*'s Clive Mantle), an initially strange encounter turns sinister among the trees of a nearby orchard.

Written and directed by Christian Marnham and shot by Pete Walker's regular cameraman Peter Jessop, *The Orchard End Murder* is a violent, darkly humorous thriller, unseen since it originally shocked UK cinemas audiences as the supporting feature to Gary Sherman's *Dead and Buried*.

**Special features**

- Presented in High Definition and Standard Definition
- *The Showman* (Christian Marnham, 1970, 25 mins): Short documentary about fairground Wild West showman Wally Shufflebottom
- *Christian Marnham on The Orchard End Murder* (2017, 38 mins)
- *Christian Marnham on The Showman* (2017, 5 mins)
- *From Melody to Orchard End Murder: An Interview with Tracy Hyde* (2017, 12 mins)
- *An Interview with David Wilkinson* (2017, 13 mins)
- Illustrated booklet with new writing by Josephine Botting and Vic Pratt, and full film credits

**Product details**

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UK / 1981 / colour / 50 mins + special features / English language, with optional hard-of-hearing subtitles / original aspect ratio 1.85:1 // BD50: 1080p, 24fps, PCM 2.0 mono (48kHz/24-bit) / DVD9: PAL, 25fps, Dolby Digital 2.0 mono (320kbps)

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