



## **J'accuse**

**A film by Abel Gance**

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

**From the director of the silent epic *Napoleon*, and acclaimed as one of cinema's finest anti-war movies, Abel Gance's rousing indictment of warfare is as powerful and relevant today as it was on its original release in 1938. Previously unreleased in the UK, *J'accuse* comes to DVD and Blu-ray, presented in a Dual Format Edition and released by the BFI on 24 July 2017. Special features include a new full-length audio commentary by leading Gance expert Paul Cuff.**

Having experienced the horrors of the First World War, idealistic inventor Jean Diaz (Victor Francen, *A Farewell to Arms*) hopes to harness technological innovation in his bid to prevent further barbarity. But a meddling and unscrupulous bureaucracy allows Jean's plans to be hijacked as Europe slides towards another great conflict.

Using his epic 1919 silent version of the film as a template, Gance pits mankind's romanticism against its capacity for savagery. Originally released on the eve of the Second World War (and the same year as Jean Renoir's *La Grande Illusion*), *J'accuse* urges us to honour the memory of the fallen by learning the lessons of a catastrophic past.

### **Special features**

- Presented in High Definition and Standard Definition
- New full-length audio commentary by leading Gance expert Paul Cuff
- Stills and special collections gallery
- Illustrated booklet written and compiled by Paul Cuff, including a specially commissioned essay and newly translated contemporary reviews

### **Product details**

**RRP: £19.99/ Cat. no. BFIB1285 / Cert 12**

France / 1938 / black and white / 119 mins / French with English subtitles / original aspect ratio 1.37:1 // BD50: 1080p, 24fps, PCM 2.0 mono audio (48kHz/24-bit) / DVD9: PAL, 25fps, PCM 2.0 mono audio (48kHz/16-bit)

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