



## Madame de...

A film by Max Ophuls

Featuring nuanced performances by all three lead actors; Charles Boyer, Danielle Darrieux and Vittorio De Sica, and directed by celebrated auteur Max Ophuls (*Letter From an Unknown Woman*, *La Ronde*) this intricately constructed and elegantly designed drama is a searing study of fateful passion wound up in deceptions, deals and desires. Newly restored by Gaumont, on 22 May 2017 it will be released on Blu-ray (for the first time in the UK) and DVD in a Dual Format Edition, with special features including an hour long documentary on the great Max Ophuls and the making of *Madame de...*

When, beset by debt, the titular Countess Louise (Danielle Darrieux) decides to sell a pair of earrings that were a wedding gift from her husband André (Charles Boyer), she unwittingly sets in motion a chain of events that will have serious consequences not only for the Parisian couple but for André's mistress and for an Italian Baron (Vittorio De Sica) who purchases the, by then, much-travelled jewellery.

*Madame de...* is based on the novel by Louise de Vilmorin. It was Max Ophuls' penultimate film before his untimely death in 1957, at just 55, and received an Oscar nomination for its costume design.

### Special features

- Presented in High Definition and Standard Definition
- *Max Ophuls, le peintre de l'amour fatal* (Dominique Maillet, 2013, 61 mins): A documentary on Max Ophuls and the making of *Madame de...* featuring interviews with his collaborators
- *Working with Max Ophuls* (Robert Fischer, 2005, 27 mins): interview with Alain Jessua about his training under Max Ophuls and his experiences of working on *Madame de...*
- Illustrated booklet with writing by Laura Mulvey, Adrian Danks, and Lindsay Anderson; tributes to the director and full film credits

### Product details

**RRP: £19.99/ Cat. no. BFIB1284 / Cert U**

Fr, It /1953 / black and white / 100 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, Dolby Digital 2.0 mono audio (48kHz/16-bit)

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