



## **Magician: The Astonishing Life and Work of Orson Welles**

**A film by Chuck Workman**

Directed by Oscar-winning documentary filmmaker **Chuck Workman**, *Magician* explores the artistic and private life of **Orson Welles**, taking the viewer on a wild journey through his accomplished career in theatre and radio, and in film and television – both in Hollywood and in Europe. After its recent UK cinema opening, it comes to DVD, released by the BFI on 24 August 2015 accompanied by several extras.

Featuring new interviews with Welles authorities including Simon Callow and Peter Bogdanovich, and illustrated with a wealth of archival material and film extracts, *Magician* reveals a pioneering, uncompromising artist who, although misunderstood in his own time, is now rightfully lauded as a master of his art.

[Director Chuck Workman, based in New York, is available for interview.](#)

### **Special features**

- Original theatrical trailer
- *A Conversation with Director Chuck Workman* (2014, 9 mins): film scholar Annette Insdorf interviews the award winning director
- *A Personal Appreciation of Orson Welles by Simon Callow* (2015, 31 mins): an insightful interview with the acclaimed actor and Welles biographer
- Illustrated booklet with a new essay and full film credits

The BFI has been marking Orson Welles' centenary year with a two-month retrospective season at BFI Southbank (1 July – 31 August) and the release in selected cinemas UK-wide of *Magician: The Astonishing Life and Work of Orson Welles* and *Touch of Evil* (1958). Also released on DVD on 24 August is the 1955 TV series *Around the World with Orson Welles*.

### **Product details**

**RRP: £19.99 / Cat. no. BFIV2056 / Cert E**

US / 2014 / colour, and black and white / 87 mins + extras / English language, with optional hard-of-hearing subtitles / Original aspect ratio 1.78:1 / DVD9 / PAL / Dolby Digital 5.1 (448 kbps) and Dolby Digital 2.0 stereo (224kbps)

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