



**Make More Noise!
Suffragettes in Silent Film
Music composed and performed by
Lillian Henley**

Bad behaviour, noise, clamour and violence are not usually traits associated with British women – but for the first 15 years of the twentieth century, fearless females fought with the authorities, and society at large, to make themselves heard. This fascinating selection of over 20 films from the BFI National Archive, released on DVD on 23 November 2015, combines documentary, newsreel and comedy to show how suffragettes were portrayed on the screen during the period when their battles were being waged on the streets.

With cinema becoming established as a dominant art form, the suffragettes made it their business to get in front of the cameras. This set brilliantly complement's Sarah Gavron's feature film *Suffragette* (2015), showing the real women and real battles of history.

Highlights include the wild antics of *Tilly's Party* (1911), the harsh lessons of *Wife the Weaker Vessel* (1915) and the poignancy of *Miss Davison's Funeral* (1913). In addition it contains another 12 rarely seen films and clips from the period, and an illustrated booklet.

Special features

- *Suffragette Demonstration in London* (1910, 3 mins): newsreel of an early suffragette mass march
- *Tilly the Tomboy Visits the Poor* (1910, 6 mins): the Tilly girls star in this mischievous comedy
- *London Factory Girls on Strike in Camden Town* (1911, 27 secs): newsreel footage of the strikers
- *Suffragette Pageant in London* (1911, 1 min): footage of the Women's Coronation Procession
- *London Church Completely Destroyed by Fire* (1913, 1 min): newsreel of an arson attack
- *St Leonards Outrage* (1913, 1 min): footage of an arson attack on an MP's home
- *Suffragette Derby of 1913* (1913, 5 mins): Gaumont's footage of the 1913 Derby
- *'Law Abiding' Suffragists in Hyde Park* (1913, 1 min): a mass NUWSS meeting
- *Suffragettes Again* (1913, 1 min): newsreel of an arson attack in Plymouth
- *Trafalgar Square Meeting* (1916, 1 min): Mrs Pankhurst and Mrs Dacre Fox address the crowd
- *Labour's First Woman MP* (1922, 14 secs): short clip of Susan Lawrence
- *Lady Astor (Conservative) in Again for Plymouth* (1923, 13 secs): the first female MP celebrates another win
- Illustrated booklet with essays by Yasmin Alibhai-Brown, Bryony Dixon and Lillian Henley, film notes and credits

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