



Night and the City

A film by Jules Dassin

Starring Richard Widmark

Adapted from Gerald Kersh's classic crime novel, *Night and the City* is a consummate *film noir* classic which presents a fevered and paranoid vision of London by night – a city still shattered and skeletal from wartime bombing. Released on Blu-ray by the BFI for the first time in the UK on 28 September 2015, the film is presented in two versions – the US and British cuts – and accompanied by a comprehensive selection of special features.

Richard Widmark stars as Harry Fabian, a small-time spiv with big dreams who worms his way into the dangerous world of wrestling rackets, and who comes into conflict with a vengeful club owner (Francis Sullivan) and a tough gangster (Herbert Lom). Harry's long-suffering girlfriend (Gene Tierney) tries to save him – but can Harry outrun his fate?

Compellingly directed by Academy Award nominee Jules Dassin (at the time under suspicion in Hollywood for his political beliefs), *Night and the City* has been celebrated for its uncompromising, bleak portrayal of urban life, its array of unsympathetic characters and its expressionist visual style.

Special features

- Brand new 4K restoration of the US version
- 2K restoration of the previously unseen British version
- Original theatrical trailer
- US version audio commentary by film noir expert Paul Duncan
- British version audio commentary by film expert Adrian Martin
- *Richard Widmark Interviewed by Adrian Wootton* (2002, 72 mins): extensive interview filmed onstage at the National Film Theatre
- *The Guardian Lecture: Jules Dassin Interviewed by Alexander Walker* (1981, 52 mins, audio with stills): a far-reaching on-stage discussion
- Illustrated booklet with essays by Lee Server, Paul Duncan and James Hahn; and full film credits

Product details

RRP: £19.99 / Cat. no. BFIB1217 / Cert PG

USA / 1950 / black & white / English language, with optional hard-of-hearing subtitles
96 mins / BD50 / 1080p / 24fps / Original aspect ratio 1.33:1 / PCM mono audio (48k/24-bit)

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