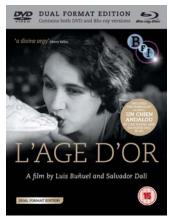


DVD & Blu-ray press release



L'Age d'or A film by Luis Buñuel and Salvador Dalí

One of cinema history's greatest collaborations, L'Age d'or united the genius of Luis Buñuel and Salvador Dalí. Now this controversial masterpiece is being released by the BFI in newly mastered High Definition for the very first time, in a Dual Format Edition (containing Blu-ray and DVD versions) with extensive extra features.

Even now, more than 80 years since it was made, this uniquely savage blend of visual poetry and social commentary remains as brilliantly witty and shocking as ever. A sinister yet poignant chronicle of a couple's struggle to consummate their frenzied desire in the face of a stream of obstacles, in the form of bourgeois society and the Church, the film was banned and vilified for many years for its subversive eroticism and furious dissection of 'civilised' values.

Extras include a new HD transfer of the 1960 restoration of *Un Chien Andalou*, Buñuel and Dalí's provocative debut which created a scandal at its premiere. Presented here with the restoration score, based on Buñuel's notes, the BFI has also commissioned musicmakers Mordant Music (who re-scored an array of 70s and 80s public information films and documentary shorts produced by the Central Office of Information (COI) last year for the startling BFI DVD release *MisinforMation*) to create an alternative soundtrack option, which is premiered on this release.

In addition to Robert Short's fascinating filmed introduction and audio commentaries for both L'Age d'or and Un Chien Andalou, this comprehensive release is completed by A Propósito de Buñuel – a feature-length documentary on the life and work of Luis Buñuel, by José Luis López-Linares and Javier Rioyo.

Special features

- Presented in both High Definition and Standard Definition
- Selected scenes commentary for L' Age d'or by author and filmmaker Robert Short
- Un Chien Andalou (1929, 16 mins): the 1960 restoration of Buñuel and Dalí's debut
- Alternative score for Un Chien Andalou by Mordant Music
- Commentary for Un Chien Andalou by Robert Short
- A Propósito de Buñuel (2000, 99 mins, DVD only)
- Filmed introduction by Robert Short (25 mins, DVD only)
- 26-page illustrated booklet with essays, biographies and credits

Release date: 30 May 2011

RRP: £19.99 / cat. no. BFIB1059 / Cert 15 France, Spain / 1930 / black and white / French with optional English subtitles / 63 mins / original aspect ratio 1.19:1 Disc 1: BD25 /1080p / 24fps / PCM mono audio (48k/24-bit) Disc 2: DVD9 / PAL / Dolby Digital 320kbps mono audio Available from all DVD retailers & the BFI Filmstore Tel: 020 7815 1350 www.bfi.org.uk/filmstore

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