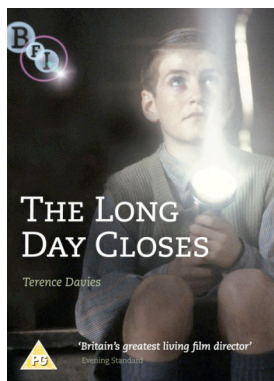


DVD press release



The Long Day Closes

A film by Terence Davies

Released on DVD for the first time, Terence Davies' follow-up to *Distant Voices, Still Lives* extends his autobiographical memoirs into the '50s

Following his prize-winning debut feature film *Distant Voices, Still Lives* (1988), in 1992 Terence Davies made *The Long Day Closes*, now released by the BFI on DVD for the first time, alongside *The Terence Davies Trilogy*.

Terence Davies' lyrical hymn to childhood revisits the same territory as *Distant Voices, Still Lives*, this time focusing on his own memories of growing up in a working-class Catholic family in Liverpool.

Eleven-year-old Bud (a heartbreaking performance from Leigh McCormack) finds escape from the greyness of '50s Britain through trips to the cinema and in the warmth of family life. But as he gets older, the agonies of the adult world; the casual cruelty of bullying, the tyranny of school and the dread of religion, begin to invade his life.

Time and memory blend and blur through Davies' fluid camerawork; slow tracking shots, pans and dreamlike dissolves combine to create the world of Bud's imagination and the lost paradise of his childhood.

Special features

- Full feature commentary with Terence Davies and Director of Photography Mick Coulter (*Sense and Sensibility, Love Actually*)
- On-set interview with production designer Christopher Hobbs (*Velvet Goldmine, Orlando*)
- Previously unseen behind-the-scenes footage of Terence Davies directing
- 18-page illustrated booklet with essays, director biography and credits
- Fully uncompressed PCM stereo audio

The BFI will release Terence Davies' new film *Of Time and the City* in cinemas nationwide on 31 October and on DVD in 2009. The BFI DVD *Distant Voices, Still Lives* is out now.

Release date: 28 July 2008

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UK / 1992 / colour / 85 mins / DVD 9, 1.85:1

Optional subtitles for the hearing impaired on the feature film and commentary tracks
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