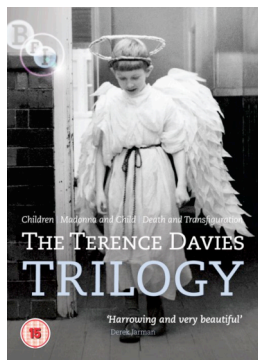


## DVD press release



**The Terence Davies Trilogy**  
**Children**  
**Madonna and Child**  
**Death and Transfiguration**

**Restored by the BFI National Archive and released on DVD for the first time; with commentary by Terence Davies**

While at Coventry Drama School in the early 1970s, Terence Davies wrote the script for *Children* which he directed in 1976. He subsequently took up a place at The National Film School and with the support of the BFI Production Board, made his graduation film *Madonna and Child* (1980). Three years later, also part-funded by the BFI, he completed the Trilogy with *Death and Transfiguration*.

Restored by the BFI National Archive who worked closely with Terence himself, the films are preserved by the BFI and are now released on DVD for the first time alongside *The Long Day Closes* (1992).

Before *Distant Voices*, *Still Lives* (1988) and *The Long Day Closes* confirmed Terence Davies' status as one of the cinematic masters of our day; these three early shorts reveal a filmmaker of great promise.

In stark black and white, Davies excavates the life of his fictional alter ego, Robert Tucker, in a narrative that slips between childhood, middle age and death, shaping the raw materials of his own life into a rich tapestry of experiences and impressions.

Over the course of these three films, we witness the emergence of Davies' singular talent and style, the refinement of his technique, and a director growing in confidence, soon to become fêted as British cinema's greatest film poet.

#### Special features

- Full feature commentary by Terence Davies
- Filmed interview with Terence Davies by Geoff Andrew
- 10-page illustrated booklet including essays by Derek Jarman and *Distant Voices*, *Still Lives* producer Jennifer Howarth on Terence Davies at Film School

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

RRP £19.99 / cat. no. BFIVD752 / cert 15

UK / 1976, 1980, 1983 / black and white / 94 mins (44 mins + 26 mins + 24 mins)

DVD-9, original aspect ratio 1.33:1

Optional subtitles for the hearing impaired on the feature film and commentary tracks  
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 by mail order from the Filmstore on 020 7815 1350 or at [www.bfi.org.uk/filmstore](http://www.bfi.org.uk/filmstore)

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