

## DVD press release



# Lotte Reiniger The Fairy Tale Films

2-disc set

**An enchanting animated film collection, with wonderful music tracks and charming narrations**

Lotte Reiniger was one of the twentieth century's major animation artists, pioneering a unique and distinctive style of black and white silhouette animation in her interpretations of classic myths and fairy tales.

Reiniger began her career in Germany and in 1926 made *The Adventures of Prince Achmed* (available on BFI DVD), one of the first and most ingenious full-length animated films in the history of cinema. Her first film adaptation of a fairy tale was *Cinderella* in 1922. She moved to Britain in the 1930s where she joined the GPO Film Unit and later worked for the Crown Film Unit of the COI. From 1952 onwards, Reiniger, together with her husband Carl Koch, created a series of fairy-tale films for Primrose Productions based on the Brothers Grimm, Wilhelm Hauff, Hans Christian Andersen and the stories from *One Thousand and One Nights*.

Released in time for Christmas, in a two-disc digi-pac with additional features and a 22-page booklet of film notes and director biography, *The Fairy Tale Films* is a magical collection that will appeal to children and adults alike.

### Disc One

Cinderella (1922)  
The Death Feigning Chinaman (1928)  
The Golden Goose (1944)  
Aladdin and his Magic Lamp (1954)  
The Frog Prince (1954)  
The Gallant Little Tailor (1954)  
Sleeping Beauty (1954)  
Snow White and Rose Red (1954)  
Cinderella (1954)  
Puss in Boots (1954)

### Disc two

The Magic Horse (1954)  
The Grasshopper and the Ant (1954)  
The Three Wishes (1954)  
Thumbelina (1954)  
The Caliph Stork (1954)  
Hänsel and Gretel (1954)  
Jack and the Beanstalk (1955)  
The Little Chimney Sweep (1956)  
The Frog Prince (1961)

### Special features on disc two

- *The Art of Lotte Reiniger* (John Isaacs, 1970, 16 mins)
- Mike Figgis' selection (extract from *Friday Night Hijack*, 2008)

#### Release date: 1 December 2008

RRP £19.99 / cat. no. BFI795 / Cert PG

Germany / 1922-1961 / black and white, and colour / English, optional subtitles for the hearing-impaired / 197 mins + 18 mins extra material / DVD-9 / original aspect ratio 1.33:1

BFI DVDs are available from the Filmstore at BFI Southbank, London SE1 and by mail order Tel: 020 7815 1350 or online at [www.bfi.org.uk/filmstore](http://www.bfi.org.uk/filmstore); from the BFI, 21 Stephen Street, London W1 and all good DVD retailers

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