

## DVD press release



### **The Fan**

**A film by Otto Preminger**

**Starring George Sanders, Madeleine Carroll and Jeanne Crain**

**From the director of *Carmen Jones*, *Anatomy of a Murder* and *Laura*, is this classic Hollywood comedy of manners. Extras include a silent gem from the BFI National Archive.**

After many years abroad, Mrs Erylne returns to a London much changed by the ravages of war. Whilst at an auction she recognises an attractive fan which once belonged to her but before she can claim it she must find another party to vouch for her. Seeking out Lord Darlington, her only acquaintance left remaining in London, the pair soon begin a journey of memory, love, loss and sacrifice.

Featuring George Sanders, Madeleine Carroll and Jeanne Crain and co-adapted by the legendary Dorothy Parker, Otto Preminger's 1949 version of Oscar Wilde's *Lady Windermere's Fan* is a classic comedy of manners that sparkles with wit as befitting the great playwright.

A fiercely independent producer-director, Preminger as much as any other filmmaker changed the face of Hollywood forever. *The Fan* offers great insight into his working methods.

#### **Special features**

- *Lady Windermere's Fan* (1916) – Fred Paul's silent version of Wilde's play (65 mins)
- Illustrated booklet featuring film essays and biography
- Fully uncompressed PCM mono audio

#### **Release date: 26 January 2009**

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USA / 1949 / black and white / 76 mins + 65 mins / DVD-9 / Original aspect 1.33:1

Optional subtitles for the hearing impaired

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