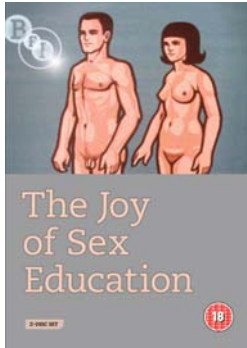


## DVD press release



# The Joy of Sex Education

2-disc set

From the earliest-known example, *Whatsoever a Man Soweth* (1917), to the comical, but ultimately serious, *'Ave You Got a Male Assistant Please Miss?* (1973), this anthology of sixteen key titles preserved in the BFI National Archive takes in almost 60 years of the British sex education film.

Take a journey through the euphemisms, metaphors and diagrams of yore to discover the controversial attitude-changing works of the early 70s. All matters, unmentionable or otherwise, are dealt with here, from WW1 warnings to soldiers of the potential dangers of cavorting with loose women in London's West End, to puberty pep-talks for girls and scare stories to deter unwanted teenage pregnancies.

By turns enlightening, entertaining and surprising, the range and type of works presented here will interest film fans, social historians and anyone interested to ensure that they stay on the road to health.

**The Joy of Sex Education** offers a filmic insight into Britain's historically complex relationship with informing the nation's youth about sex. With teenage pregnancy rates still soaring and sexually transmitted diseases on the increase, the question of sex education remains just as relevant today.

### Special features

- New music scores for *Whatsoever a Man Soweth*, *Any Evening After Work* and *How to Tell* composed by Dave Formula from British post-punk band Magazine
- Illustrated booklet including notes and credits on all of the films alongside new introductory essays by Tim Boon (Chief Curator at the Science Museum, London), Hera Cook (Lecturer in the History of Sexuality at the University of Birmingham) and Katy McGahan (Non-Fiction Curator at the BFI National Archive and programmer of this DVD)

**NB. We can suggest specialists for press/radio interviews or to write on this subject**

**Release date: 9 February 2009**

RRP £19.56 / cat. no. BFIVD762 / cert 18

UK, USA / 1917-1973 / colour, and black & white / 338 mins / silent with music / optional subtitles for the hearing-impaired / DVD-9 / original aspect ratio 1.33:1

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