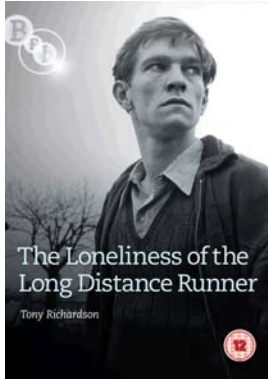


DVD and Blu-ray press release



The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner

A film by Tony Richardson

Starring Michael Redgrave and Tom Courtenay

This powerful British New Wave classic is re-issued on DVD and released on Blu-ray in new High-Definition transfers, alongside *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning* (Karel Reisz, 1960)

Colin (Tom Courtenay) is a defiant teenager who rebels against the system, refusing to follow his dying father into a factory job, railing against the capitalist bosses and preferring to make a living from petty thieving.

Sent to borstal, Colin discovers his talent for cross-country running. The borstal governor (Michael Redgrave) offers him the chance to redeem himself in a race against a local public school, and tensions build as the day approaches...

Following the huge success of Karel Reisz's *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning*, Alan Sillitoe adapted another of his own works for the screen. Newcomer Tom Courtenay is compelling as the sullen, disillusioned delinquent in this British New Wave classic, a passionate, explosive tale of rebellion.

Special features

- Commentary by film historian Robert Murphy, with lead actor Tom Courtenay and writer Alan Sillitoe
- Video essay by cinematographer Walter Lassally
- *Momma Don't Allow* (1956), Tony Richardson's Free Cinema documentary shot by Walter Lassally
- Illustrated booklet including essays and biographies

Release date: 23 March 2009

RRP: DVD £17.99 / cat. no. BFIVD785 / Blu-ray £22.99 / cat. no. BFIB1003

UK / 1962 / black and white / 104 mins / cert 12 / aspect ratio 1.78:1

Optional subtitles for the hearing-impaired

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