

DVD and Blu-ray press release



**Saturday Night and Sunday Morning**

A film by Karel Reisz

Starring Albert Finney, Shirley Anne Field and Rachel Roberts

The much-admired British New Wave classic is re-issued on DVD and released on Blu-ray in new High-Definition transfers, alongside *The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner* (Tony Richardson, 1962)

**Saturday Night and Sunday Morning**, a seminal film of the British New Wave, was a great box-office success when it opened in 1960 – audiences were thrilled by its anti-establishment energy, gritty realism, and above all by its fresh, outspoken working-class hero.

In the industrial streets and factories of Nottingham, Arthur Seaton (Albert Finney) spends his days at the factory bench, his evenings in the local pubs and his nights in the arms of Brenda (Rachel Roberts), the wife of a fellow factory worker. Irresistibly handsome and brimming with animal vitality, Arthur is anti-authority and unashamedly amoral.... “*What I’m out for is a good time. All the rest is propaganda.*”

Based on the Alan Sillitoe’s largely autobiographical novel, and with powerful central performances, crackling dialogue and a superb jazz score by Johnny Dankworth, the film stands as a vibrant modern classic.

**Special features**

- Commentary by film historian Robert Murphy, with writer Alan Sillitoe and cinematographer Freddie Francis
- New filmed interview with Shirley Anne Field
- Audio interview with Albert Finney
- *We Are the Lambeth Boys* (1959) – Karel Reisz’s classic Free Cinema documentary
- Illustrated booklet containing essays and biographies

**NB. Shirley Anne Field is available for interview in March.**

<p align="center"><b>Release date: 23 March 2009</b></p> <p align="center">RRP: DVD £17.99 / cat. no. BFIVD784 / Blu-ray £22.99 / cat. no. BFIB1004          UK / 1960 / black and white / 89 mins / cert PG / original aspect ratio 1.66:1          Optional subtitles for the hearing-impaired          BFI DVDs are available from all good DVD retailers; by mail order from the BFI Filmstore          Tel: 020 7815 1350 or online at <a href="http://www.bfi.org.uk/filmstore">www.bfi.org.uk/filmstore</a></p>
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