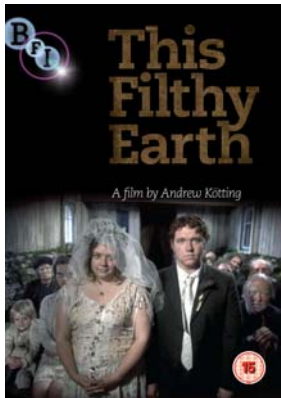


DVD press release



This Filthy Earth A film by Andrew Kötting

A tragic tale of rural passion and survival, *This Filthy Earth* is inspired by Emile Zola's novel *The Earth* and John Berger's *Pig Earth* and is co-written by Andrew Kötting and comedian Sean Lock.

This Filthy Earth is the tragic story of sisters Kath and Francine whose lives are disrupted by two men – a brutal villager greedy for the girls' land and a gentle stranger who offers the possibility of escape. Amidst a landscape of rural hardship and a community consumed with superstition, events unfurl which threaten their sibling bond.

The film features an exciting line up of acting talent including Rebecca Palmer (*Intimacy, Quills*), Shane Attwooll (*Porgy and Bess*), Demelza Randall in her feature film debut, Dudley Sutton (*Up at the Villa, The Devils*) and French actor Xavier Tchili (*La Perme*).

This Filthy Earth is the second feature from director Andrew Kötting, whose debut film, *Gallivant*, also released on DVD by the BFI, won him Channel 4's Best New Director Award at the Edinburgh International Film Festival 1996. It is produced by Ben Woolford of Tall Stories who previously produced *Gallivant* and the award-winning *Beautiful People*.

Special features

- *This Filthy Earth* installation (31 mins) - This single screen presentation is a reworking of a three-screen installation first presented at the LAC Gallery in Sigean, France.
- *This Filthy Earth* trailer
- *Shadows Across Baked Earth* (An investigation into the Local Heritage through Contemporary Art) (20 mins) - Made during a year when Andrew Kötting was Artist in Residence at Cat'Art in Sainte Colombe sur l'Hers.
- Illustrated booklet

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