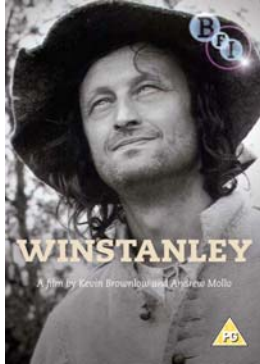


DVD and Blu-ray press release



## Winstanley

A film by Kevin Brownlow and Andrew Mollo

Restored by the BFI National Archive and released on DVD and Blu-ray for the first time, filmmakers Kevin Brownlow and Andrew Mollo (the creators of *It Happened Here*) have produced an astonishingly authentic historical film, and a powerful, moving story of one extraordinary man's vision.

In 1649, with poverty and unrest sweeping England following the Civil Wars, a group of impoverished men and women, known as the Diggers, form a settlement on St George's Hill, Surrey. Inspired by the visionary leadership of Gerrard Winstanley (brilliantly played by Miles Halliwell), they attempt to assert their right to cultivate and share the wealth of the common land, but are met with crushing hostility from local landowners and government troops.

*Winstanley*, adapted from the novel *Comrade Jacob* by David Cauter and the writings of Gerrard Winstanley, is accompanied by over 90 minutes of extra material including a film on its making.

### Special features

- New restoration by the BFI National Archive
- New filmed interview with Kevin Brownlow and Mollo (38 mins)
- *It Happened Here Again* (Eric Mival, 1976, 48 mins) – the making of *Winstanley*
- *9 Dalmuir West* (Kevin Brownlow, 1962, 12 mins) – a record of the last weekend of Glasgow trams
- Illustrated 32-page booklet with contributions by Marina Lewycka (author of *A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian*), Eric Mival, Jonathan Rosenbaum, Tom Milne, and David Robinson; plus biographies and credits

### Release date: 3 August 2009

DVD RRP £19.99 / cat. no. BFIVD824 / DVD-9 / Dolby Digital 2.0 (320 kbps)

Blu-ray RRP £24.99 / cat. no. BFIB1014 / BD50 / PCM audio

UK / 1975 / PG / black and white / 92 mins + 98 mins extra material

English, with optional subtitles for the hearing-impaired  
original aspect ratio 1.33:1

BFI DVD and Blu-ray titles are available from all good retailers; by mail order from the BFI Filmstore Tel: 020 7815 1350 or online at [www.bfi.org.uk/filmstore](http://www.bfi.org.uk/filmstore)

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