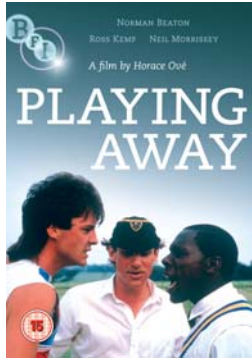


DVD press release



Playing Away

A film by Horace Ové

Norman Beaton, Ross Kemp, Neil Morrissey

Horace Ové's comedy, set against the background of a village cricket match, is released on DVD as part of October's Black History Month celebrations.

When a West Indian cricket team from Brixton is invited to play a charity game in a small English village, members of both teams have their reservations. A weekend in the country away from the inner city produces unexpected results both on and off the field of play. *Playing Away* subtly explores and undermines white and black stereotypes and succeeds in linking two familiar but strange cultures through the simple device of a cricket match.

From pioneering British filmmaker Horace Ové, (*Pressure*, *Baldwin's Nigger*), comes this comedy of manners with an outstanding array of British talent on display, including **Ross Kemp** (*EastEnders*) and **Neil Morrissey** (*Men Behaving Badly*) at the start of their careers, and a poignant performance by the brilliant **Norman Beaton** (*Desmonds*).

Special features

- Horace Ové in conversation with Mike Phillips
- Illustrated booklet containing essays and credits
- Fully uncompressed PCM audio throughout

Release date: 26 October 2009

RRP: £19.99 / cat. no. BFIVD850 / cert 15

UK / 1986 / colour / English, with optional hard-of-hearing feature subtitles / 98 mins + 27 mins extra material / DVD-9 / original aspect ratio 1.33:1

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