

DVD press release



## The Jacques Tati Collection

### 5 films by Jacques Tati

Jacques Tati is celebrated as much for his ground-breaking direction as for his keenly observed comic performances. This collectable box set brings together five of Tati's greatest films, from his debut feature, *Jour de fête*, to his last screen work, *Parade*.

#### Jour de fête

A hilarious exposé of the modern obsession of with speed and efficiency, Jacques Tati's award winning feature début is a dazzling blend of satire and slapstick.

#### Les Vacances de M. Hulot

The film that brought Tati international acclaim also launched his on-screen alter ego: the courteous, well-meaning, eternally accident-prone Monsieur Hulot.

#### Special features

- Interview with filmmaker Richard Lester

#### Mon Oncle

Tati's third feature is a satirical assault on the twin targets of efficiency and the modern world. Winner of the Oscar for *Best Foreign Language Film*.

#### Playtime

Regarded by many as Tati's masterpiece, *Playtime* is a surreal comic vision of mankind's battle against the overwhelming depersonalisation of modern life.

#### Special features

- Feature commentary by film historian Philip Kemp
- Short documentary *Au-delà de Playtime*
- Continuity supervisor Sylvette Baudrot on Tati and *Playtime*
- Director biography and short film about Tati

#### Parade

Tati's last film sees his return to the boisterous music hall world in which he began his career as a mime artist in the 1930s.

#### Special features

- Interview with Jacques Tati, filmed in London (1977, 19 mins)

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RRP: £39.99 / cat. no. BFIVD805 / cert U / PAL region 2 / 5 discs

**Jour de fête:** France / 1949 / col / original French dialogue with English subtitles / DVD-5 / 76 mins / Ratio 1.33:1; **Les Vacances de M. Hulot:** France / 1953 / b&w / original French dialogue with English subtitles / DVD-9 / 84 mins / Ratio 1.33:1; **Mon Oncle:** France / 1958 / col / original French dialogue with English subtitles / DVD-9 / 111 mins / Ratio 1.33:1 / **Playtime:** France / 1967 / col / original international dialogue with some English subtitles / DVD-9 / 125 mins / Ratio 1.85:1 (16 x 9); **Parade:** France / 1974 / col / original French dialogue with English subtitles; DVD-9 / 84 mins / Ratio 1.33:1; Discs 1-4 all feature trailers for *Les Vacances de M. Hulot*, *Mon Oncle*, and *Playtime*.

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