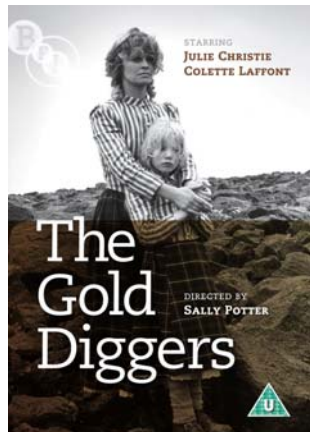


DVD press release



The Gold Diggers

Directed by Sally Potter
Julie Christie, Colette Laffont

The ground-breaking first feature from the director of *Orlando* and *The Tango Lesson* is released on DVD for the first time, alongside a retrospective at BFI Southbank that runs throughout December. The release also includes five early works by Sally Potter.

Sally Potter is one of the UK's most innovative and original filmmakers. Her first feature, *The Gold Diggers*, is a key film of early Eighties feminist cinema. Made with an all-woman crew, featuring stunning photography by Babette Magolte and a score by Lindsay Cooper, it embraces a radical and experimental narrative structure.

Celeste (Colette Laffont) is a computer clerk in a bank who becomes fascinated by the relationship between money and power. Ruby (Julie Christie) is an enigmatic beauty trapped in fleeting memories of a frozen landscape, on a quest to recover the truth about her own identity. Celeste kidnaps Ruby and starts asking questions that lead to them making links between the star system, economics, and a cinematic riddle that contains them both. Together they begin to unravel the truth about the search for gold and the secrets of personal transformation and freedom.

Special features

- Five early works by Sally Potter: *Thriller* (1979, 32 mins); *The London Story* (1986, 16 mins); *Jerk* (1969, 2 mins); *Play* (1970, 5 mins); *hors d'oeuvres* (1971, 10 mins)
- Fully illustrated booklet featuring newly commissioned essays by Jonathan Rosenbaum, Sophie Mayer and Jacky Lansley
- Downloadable PDF files featuring letters, script extracts and more
- PCM dual mono audio (48k/16bit)

Sally Potter season at BFI Southbank 4 – 28 December

This comprehensive study of Sally Potter's career includes screenings of *The Gold Diggers* on 5 and 7 Dec. Among the other films screening are *Orlando* (1993), *The Tango Lesson* (1997), *The Man Who Cried* (2000) and *Rage* (2009).

Release date: 28 December 2009

RRP: £19.99 / cat. no. BFIVD818 / cert U

UK / 1983 / black and white / English, optional hard-of-hearing subtitles / 86 mins + 65 mins extra material / DVD-9 / 1.78:1 (anamorphic)

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