



Odds Against Tomorrow

A film by Robert Wise

Harry Belafonte, Robert Ryan, Shelley Winters

Directed by four-time Oscar®-winner Robert Wise (*I Want to Live!*, *West Side Story*), *Odds Against Tomorrow* is high-suspense story of a daring heist gone awry. With its exceptional jazz score, acerbic social commentary and atmospheric visual style, it is a high point in the *film noir* canon and one of the most important films of its era to address racism. On 24 October 2016 it will be released on DVD/Blu-ray in a Dual Format Edition as part of BLACK STAR, the BFI's season of film and television screenings, special events and DVD/Blu-ray/VoD releases, all dedicated to celebrating the range, versatility and power of black actors.

Embittered ex-cop Dave Burke (Ed Begley) enlists ruthless killer Earle Slater (Robert Ryan, *The Dirty Dozen*) and gambling musician Johnny Ingram (Harry Belafonte) to rob an upstate New York bank. Trouble unfolds however when, fuelled by racist hatred, Earle clashes with Johnny and the planned heist spirals into chaos, leading to a violent climactic confrontation.

Special features

- Presented in both High Definition and Standard Definition
- Original theatrical trailer
- *Odds Against Tomorrow* post-screening Q&A with Harry Belafonte (2009, 50 mins): an in-depth interview filmed at the Noir City: Chicago film festival
- Adrian Wootton on *Odds Against Tomorrow* (2016, 30 mins): a newly filmed appreciation
- *The Guardian Interview: Robert Wise at the National Film Theatre* (1995, 74 mins): a career-spanning onstage interview
- *The John Player Lecture: Robert Ryan at the National Film Theatre* (1969, 63 mins, audio only): the actor talks at length about his craft
- Illustrated booklet with new writing by Tega Okiti, and full film credits

Product details:

RRP: £19.99/ Cat. no. BFIB1263 / Cert 12

USA / 1959 / 96 mins / black and white / English language, with optional hard-of-hearing subtitles / original aspect ratio 1.37:1 // BD50: 1080p, 24fps, PCM mono (48k/24-bit) / DVD9: PAL, 25fps, Dolby Digital 1.0 mono (192kbps)

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