

## DVD & Blu-ray press release



# Medea

**A film by Pier Paolo Pasolini**

**Starring Maria Callas**

Opera legend Maria Callas gives a magnificent performance in this mythical tale of love, betrayal and revenge written and directed by Italy's most controversial director. Previously unavailable in the UK on DVD or Blu-ray, *Medea* is released by the BFI in a Dual Format Edition (containing both DVD & Blu-ray discs).

A fascinating collision of Freudian and Marxist themes, *Medea* is adapted from the drama written by Euripides. Pier Paolo Pasolini's disturbing vision of personal and national conflict saw Maria Callas in her only dramatic film role, giving an extraordinary performance as the high priestess whose love is threatened by corrupt political ambition.

This stunning restoration by the Société Nouvelle de Cinématographie features Pasolini's preferred soundtrack with the voice of Maria Callas. Amongst the special features are two alternative audio options: the original Italian and English-language soundtracks.

Bold and uncompromising, Pasolini's *Medea* is a complex blend of classical mythology and contemporary social criticism.

### Special features

- Presented in both High Definition and Standard Definition
- Newly-restored audio with the voice of Maria Callas
- Optional original Italian audio
- Optional English audio
- Original Italian trailer (3 mins)
- English-language teaser spot (1 min)
- International release elements (2 mins, DVD only)
- Illustrated booklet featuring essays, reviews and biography

### Release date: 5 December 2011

RRP: £19.99 / cat. no. BFIB1088 / Cert 12

Italy, France, Germany / 1970 / colour / Italian language,  
with optional English subtitles /

111 mins / original aspect ratio 1.85:1

Disc 1: BD50 / 1080p / 24fps / PCM mono 2.0 audio (48k/16-bit)

Disc 2: DVD5 / PAL / Dolby Digital mono 2.0 audio (320kbps)

Available from DVD retailers & the BFI Filmstore

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