



Carmen Jones

A film by Otto Preminger

Starring Dorothy Dandridge and Harry Belafonte

This 1954 film by Otto Preminger (*Laura*, *Anatomy of a Murder*) was rightly hailed as a milestone in musical cinema. Dorothy Dandridge, whose vibrant performance resulted in the first Oscar® nomination for an African American actress in a leading role, lights up the screen as the beautiful temptress. On 26 September 2016, *Carmen Jones* will be released on Blu-ray for the first time in the UK as part of **BLACK STAR**, the BFI's blockbuster project 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.

With an all-black cast, this critically acclaimed version of Bizet's opera *Carmen* features an iconic soundtrack from Oscar Hammerstein II, including songs such as 'Beat Out Dat Rhythm on a Drum', and was voluptuously shot in Cinemascope Technicolor.

In one of the sexiest performances ever seen on the big screen, *Carmen Jones* seduces the handsome GI Joe (Harry Belafonte) away from his sweetheart Cindy Lou (Olga James), but after she tires of him and takes up with heavyweight prize-fighter Husky Miller (Joe Adams), she only succeeds in triggering Joe's tragic revenge.

Special features

- Presented in High Definition
- *Karen Alexander on Carmen Jones* (2016, 8 mins): a newly filmed appreciation
- New audio commentary by Adrian Martin
- *The Guardian Lecture: Harry Belafonte interviewed at the National Film Theatre* (1996, 105 mins)
- Stills and Posters Gallery
- Original theatrical trailer
- Illustrated booklet with new writing by Chris Fujiwara and full film credits

Product details

RRP: £19.99 / Cat. no. BFIB1261 / Cert U

USA / 1954 / colour / 105 mins / English language, with optional hard-of-hearing subtitles / original aspect ratio 2.55:1 // BD50 / 24fps / 1080p / PCM stereo audio (48kHz/24-bit) and 4.0 DTS-HD Master Audio

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