



## **Cyrano de Bergerac**

**Directed by Jean-Paul Rappeneau**  
**G rard Depardieu**

**30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Blu-ray release on 24 February 2020 with simultaneous release on BFI Player, iTunes and Amazon**

*Cyrano de Bergerac*, starring G rard Depardieu as Cyrano, is a spectacular and vibrant adaptation of Edmond Rostand's classic play, funny and touching in equal measure, and featuring English subtitles by author Anthony Burgess (*A Clockwork Orange*). Amid the lavish period design, Depardieu has never been better than as the swaggering scribe, delivering verve and pathos under Jean-Paul Rappeneau's

vigorous direction. In celebration of its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, this classic of world cinema will be released by the BFI for the first time on Blu-ray in the UK, on 24 February 2020. Special features include feature commentary and interviews with G rard Depardieu and Jean-Paul Rappeneau. The film is simultaneously released on BFI Player, iTunes and Amazon.

Cyrano (G rard Depardieu), a swashbuckling hero with a gift for verse, is in love with the beautiful Roxane (Anne Brochet) but fears his prominent nose would cause her to reject his romantic advances. Instead he uses his poetic artistry to help a dashing but shallow suitor, Christian (Vincent Perez), who employs the words to which Cyrano longs to give voice. But will the object of their affection realise who she's really falling for?

### **Special features**

- Full-length feature commentary by Ginette Vincendeau: the King's College London professor on the film and its art-historical context
- Interview with G rard Depardieu (12 mins): the actor recalls making *Cyrano de Bergerac*
- Interview with Jean-Paul Rappeneau (8 mins): the director discusses the influence of the 1923 version
- *Anthony Burgess with AS Byatt* (1987, 58 mins): Burgess discusses his views on language and the arts with author and critic AS Byatt
- *G rard Depardieu in Conversation* (1987, 76 mins, audio only): the *Cyrano de Bergerac* star discusses his life and work, recorded on stage at the NFT
- Image gallery
- Illustrated booklet (\*\*first pressing only\*\*) containing an essay on the film by Dr. Martin Hall, biographical essays by Ellen Cheshire and an essay on other Cyranos by Corinna Reicher; full film credits and notes on the special features

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**Product details**

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France / 1990 / colour / 138 mins / French language, with optional English subtitles / original aspect ratio 1.66:1 // BD50: 1080p, 24fps, 5.1 DTS-HD Master Audio and 2.0 stereo audio (48kHz/24-bit)

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