



**BFI announces first ever Blu-ray/DVD release of Pet Shop Boys' *It Couldn't Happen Here* on 15 June 2020**

**Special preview screening with Q&A at BFI Southbank on 3 April**

13 February 2020 – The BFI is delighted to be working with **Pet Shop Boys** on the forthcoming re-release of their feature film **IT COULDN'T HAPPEN HERE** (1987), directed by **Jack Bond** and starring **Neil Tennant**, **Chris Lowe**, **Joss Ackland** and **Barbara Windsor**. Unavailable worldwide for 30 years, the film has been newly remastered by the BFI from a 4K scan for release in a **Limited Edition Blu-ray/DVD** set on **15 June 2020**.

The re-release will be launched with a **special preview screening at BFI Southbank on 3 April 2020 at 20:10 in NFT1**, preceded by an on-stage Q&A with **Neil Tennant**, **Jack Bond** and choreographer **Arlene Phillips**. (See below for ticket details).

Originally conceived as an hour-long video based on Pet Shop Boys' 1987 album *Actually*, **IT COULDN'T HAPPEN HERE** turned into a full-scale feature film that finds Neil Tennant and Chris Lowe on an extraordinary adventure from the coast to London, encountering a curious array of eccentric characters along the way. With pop surrealism meeting the classic road movie, it features chart-topping singles from the duo's first two studio albums, including 'West End girls', 'It's a sin' and 'Always on my mind'.

**IT COULDN'T HAPPEN HERE** was released in UK cinemas in July 1988 and subsequently on VHS video, but has never had a DVD or Blu-ray release before. As well as a 48-page book containing new writing, the discs will be accompanied by an exciting collection of extras including a brand new feature commentary with Jack Bond, co-writer James Dillon and cinematographer Simon Archer, new interviews and more, still to be announced, via [bfi.org.uk](http://bfi.org.uk) and [petshopboys.co.uk](http://petshopboys.co.uk).

The film's re-release follows Pet Shop Boys' fourteenth studio album, and seventeenth Top 10 album *Hotspot* which was released on 24 January 2020, reaching No.3 in the album charts, and coincides with their 2020 world tour.

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**BFI Blu-ray/DVD product details**

RRP: £24.99 / Cat. no. BFIB1378 / Cert 15

Available to pre-order [online now from the BFI Shop](#), Amazon and Zavvi

**Blu-ray/DVD Launch at BFI Southbank 3 April – ticket information**

Tickets will be listed at [www.bfi.org.uk/southbank](http://www.bfi.org.uk/southbank) on 24 February and will be on sale as follows:

BFI Patrons and Champions – Mon 2 Mar (from 11:30)

BFI Members – Tue 3 Mar (from 11:30)

General public – Tue 10 Mar (from 11:30)

Ticket prices are £13.75, concs £11.25 including Gift Aid donation. Members pay £2.20 less on any ticket.

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