



## Scandal

**Directed by Michael Caton-Jones**  
**John Hurt, Joanne Whalley, Bridget Fonda, Ian McKellen**

**Blu-ray/DVD release on 24 February 2020**  
**with simultaneous release on BFI Player, iTunes and Amazon**

**Producer Stephen Woolley (*Mona Lisa, Carol*) and director Michael Caton-Jones' (*Memphis Belle, Our Ladies*) account of the 1963 Profumo affair that rocked the British establishment conjures up London on the brink of the Swinging Sixties, where members of high society indulge their baser instincts careless of**

**the consequences. On 24 February 2020 the BFI will bring *Scandal* to Blu-ray for the first time worldwide, presenting it in a Dual Format Edition (includes DVD). Numerous special features include commentaries by Stephen Woolley and writer Michael Thomas, and by Michael Caton-Jones; interviews, rare short films and more. The film is simultaneously released on BFI Player, iTunes and Amazon.**

After becoming enchanted by exotic dancer Christine Keeler (**Joanne Whalley**), a politically connected doctor Stephen Ward (**John Hurt**) invites her to live with him. Through his contacts and parties she begins to date Conservative ministers, including Secretary of State for War John Profumo (**Ian McKellen**). When the affair becomes public, scandal tears through the government and threatens the lifestyles – and even the freedom – of those involved.

*Scandal* was screened in competition at the Cannes Film Festival in 1989. At the Golden Globes the following year, **Bridget Fonda** was nominated Best Supporting Actress for her role as Mandy Rice-Davies.

This edition of the film has been newly restored from original materials. It will be launched with a **special event at BFI Southbank on Thursday 13 February at 18:40**. After a screening of the film in NFT1, there will be an on-stage discussion between director **Michael Caton-Jones**, producer **Stephen Woolley**, writer **Michael Thomas** and executive producer **Joe Boyd**. More details here:

<https://whatson.bfi.org.uk/Online/scandalbluraydvdlaunch>

### Special features

- Feature commentary by producer Stephen Woolley and writer Michael Thomas
- Feature commentary by director Michael Caton-Jones
- *The Minister, the Model & the Russian Spy: Making Scandal* (2010, 25 mins): members of the *Scandal* cast and crew discuss the film
- *Michael Caton-Jones Remembers Scandal* (2019, 27 mins, Blu-ray only): new interview in which the director recalls making the film
- *Stephen Woolley Remembers Scandal* (2019, 40 mins, Blu-ray only): the producer on how he got the film made and the talent he worked with
- *Nothing Has Been Proved: Official Music Video* performed by Dusty Springfield (1989, 5 mins)

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- *Cabaret Girl* (1956, 26 mins): documentary on Murray's Cabaret Club, shot shortly before its owner hired Christine Keeler and Mandy Rice-Davies as dancers
- *The Riveter* (1986, 35 mins): short by Michael Caton-Jones, made while he was a student at the National Film and Television School
- Trailer
- Stills gallery
- Illustrated booklet (\*\*first pressing only\*\*) containing essays by Jane Giles and Augustin Macellari, notes on the special features and film credits

### **Product details**

**RRP: £22.99 / Cat. no. BFIB1369 / Cert 18**

UK / 1989 / colour / 114 mins / English language, with optional hard-of-hearing subtitles / original aspect ratio 1.85:1 // BD50: 1080p, 24fps, PCM 2.0 stereo audio 48kHz/24-bit / DVD9: PAL, 25fps, Dolby Digital 2.0 stereo audio (192kbps)

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