Separate Tables
Directed by Delbert Mann
Rita Hayworth, Deborah Kerr, David Niven, Burt Lancaster
Blu-ray/DVD release on 20 August 2018

This classic drama from 1958, based on a Terence Rattigan play and co-scripted by Rattigan himself, is a star-studded character study of a group of eccentric residents of a Bournemouth boarding house who all share a common trait – loneliness. On 20 August 2018 the BFI brings the film to Blu-ray for the first time in the UK, releasing it in a Dual Format Edition with extras including an audio commentary by Delbert Mann and a Guardian Interview with Burt Lancaster.

Major Pollack (David Niven) hides a dark secret behind a polished military career; Sibyl Railton-Bell (Deborah Kerr) is a shy neurotic who lacks the courage to break away from her domineering mother; John Malcolm (Burt Lancaster) is a disenchanted writer who hides his bitterness in a pool of alcohol; and Ann Shankland (Rita Hayworth) is an ageing model whose narcissism masks her deep fear of growing old alone. In one emotional evening, these four unhappy misfits will bare their innermost secrets and change each other’s lives forever.

Considered daring in its day due to its frank discussions of sexual topics, Separate Tables was nominated for seven Academy Awards, and won Best Actor (David Niven) and Best Supporting Actress (Wendy Hiller).

Special features
- Presented in High Definition and Standard Definition
- Audio commentary by Delbert Mann
- Burt Lancaster Guardian Interview (1972, 96 mins, audio only)
- Theatrical trailer (1958)
- Stills gallery
- Illustrated booklet featuring new writing by Katy McGahan and Philip Kemp, along with full film credits

Product details
RRP: £19.99 / Cat. no. BFIB1306 / Cert PG
UK / 1958 / black and white / 100 mins / English language, with optional hard-of-hearing subtitles / original aspect ratio 1.66:1 / BD50: 1080p, 24fps, PCM 2.0 mono audio (48kHz/24-bit) / DVD9: PAL, 25fps, Dolby Digital 2.0 mono audio (320kbps)

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