The Children’s Hour
Directed by William Wyler
Audrey Hepburn, Shirley MacLaine, James Garner
Blu-ray/DVD release on 18 June 2018

The Children’s Hour, an acclaimed drama from 1961, is a forceful examination of the power of malice and rumour in an intolerant society, with Audrey Hepburn and Shirley MacLaine giving superb performances in the lead roles. Directed by William Wyler (Ben Hur, Roman Holiday) and also starring James Garner (The Rockford Files), it was nominated for five Oscars. Released by the BFI in a Dual Format Edition on 18 June 2018, this is the first time that The Children’s Hour has been available on Blu-ray in the UK.

Based on Lillian Hellman’s groundbreaking 1934 play (inspired by a true story of two Scottish teachers in 1809), The Children’s Hour stars Audrey Hepburn and Shirley MacLaine as best friends who run an exclusive girls’ school. When a disruptive pupil starts a rumour that the pair are in a lesbian relationship, there are serious repercussions for everyone.

The Children’s Hour was nominated for five Oscars: Actress in a Supporting Role (Fay Bainter), Cinematography (Black & White), Art Direction (Black & White), Set Decoration, Costume Design (Black & White) and Sound. Leading actor Shirley MacLaine was also nominated for a Golden Globe.

Special features
- Presented in both High Definition and Standard Definition
- Audio commentary by Neil Sinyard
- Original theatrical trailer (2 mins)
- Stills gallery
- Illustrated booklet featuring new writing by Sarah Wood, So Mayer, Philip Kemp and Neil Sinyard, plus full film credits

Product details
RRP: £19.99/ Cat. no. BFIB1303 / Cert 12
USA / 1961 / black and white / 108 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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