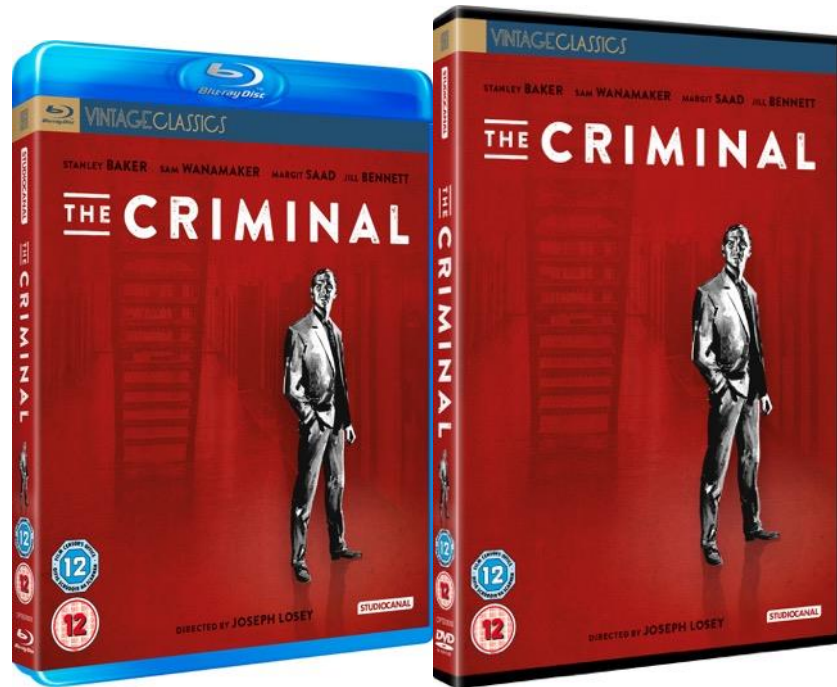


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THE CRIMINAL (1960) BRAND NEW RESTORATION



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ON DVD, BLU-RAY & DOWNLOAD ON SEPTEMBER 16

DIRECTED BY JOSEPH LOSEY
CINEMATOGRAPHY BY ROBERT KRASKER
MUSIC BY JOHN DANKWORTH

STARRING
STANLEY BAKER, SAM WANAMAKER, GRÉGOIRE ASLAN,
MARGIT SAAD AND JILL BENNETT

STUDIOCANAL is delighted to announce that a newly restored version of director **Joseph Losey's** (*The Go-Between, Accident*) gritty crime drama about the British penal system, **THE CRIMINAL**, will be released on **September 16** on **DVD, Digital Download** and, for the very first time, on **Blu-Ray** looking better than ever as part of the [Vintage Classics](#) collection.

Featuring a great British cast including **Stanley Baker** (*Zulu, The Guns of Navarone*), **Sam Wanamaker** (*The Spy Who Came In from the Cold, Death on the Nile*), **Grégoire Aslan**

(*Cleopatra*, *The Return of The Pink Panther*), **Margit Saad** (*Playback*, *The Saint*) and **Jill Bennett** (*For your Eyes Only*, *Moulin Rouge*), **THE CRIMINAL** was deemed shocking upon its original release for its unashamedly graphic violence but was highly acclaimed for the beautiful stark black and white cinematography by Oscar winner **Robert Krasker** and cool score by jazz legend **John Dankworth**. **THE CRIMINAL** is an intelligent and naturalistic precursor to the British gangster film genre that continues to enjoy success to this day.

For the 2019 restoration of **THE CRIMINAL**, STUDIOCANAL returned to the original camera negative wherever possible and, only when confronted by severe damage that could not be repaired, alternative sources were used. These elements were scanned at 4K resolution in 16bit. The project involved over 200 hours of manual frame by frame fixes and resulted in the creation of a new DCP, and a new HD version, which were produced with the same high technological standards as today's biggest international film releases.

Ex-con Johnny (Stanley Baker) used his time in prison wisely – to plan the biggest robbery of his career. The robbery goes smoothly and Johnny goes to bury the money in a field until the heat is off, as agreed with friend and racketeer Mike Carter (Sam Wanamaker) and the rest of the gang. In a moment of weakness, Johnny pockets five hundred odd pounds from the haul. Coupled with a tip-off from his ex-girlfriend (Jill Bennett) this proves to be his undoing and Johnny is soon back in prison. The rest of the gang try in vain to get the location of the money out of him without success until Mike hits upon the idea of a break-out using Johnny's new love Suzanne (Margit Saad) as bait.

DVD / Blu-Ray Extras

- **NEW** Audio Commentary by Film Historian Kat Ellinger
- Stills gallery

1960 / Cert: TBC / Total Running Time: 116 mins approx.

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THE CRIMINAL is part of the '[Vintage Classics collection](#)' – showcasing iconic British films, all fully restored and featuring brand new extra content.

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