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## THE GREEN MAN (1956) BRAND NEW RESTORATION



### ON DVD, BLU-RAY & DIGITAL ON 18 MAY COMPLETE WITH NEW EXTRAS! PREORDER LINK: <u>https://bit.ly/TheGreenMan</u>

### DIRECTED BY: ROBERT DAY STARRING: ALASTAIR SIM, GEORGE COLE, TERRY-THOMAS JILL ADAMS & RAYMOND HUNTLEY

**STUDIOCANAL** is delighted to announce the release of a newly restored version of the classic British black comedy, **THE GREEN MAN**.

Starring the scintillating Alastair Sim (A Christmas Carol, School for Scoundrels), directed by Robert Day ('The Avengers') and with a BAFTA nominated screenplay by Sidney Gilliat and Frank Launder (The Lady Vanishes), this enormously entertaining farce originally released in 1956, will be available to own on DVD, Blu-Ray and Digital on May 18.

Supporting Sim are an exemplarity cast of the era that includes George Cole (*The Happiest Days of Your Life*), Terry-Thomas (*School for Scoundrels*), Jill Adams (*Private's Progress*) and Raymond Huntley (*Night Train to Munich*). A farce that ticks all the genre's boxes (mistaken

identities, compromising positions, much panicking and slamming of doors), the film makes an interesting companion piece to Ealing's *The Ladykillers* (1955).

Looking better than ever before thanks to the new restoration and bundled with brand new bonus content, **THE GREEN MAN** is a welcome addition to the <u>Vintage Classics</u> collection.

For the 2020 restoration of **THE GREEN MAN**, **STUDIOCANAL** went back to the original camera negative where possible and alternative sources where severe damage that could not be repaired was encountered. These elements were scanned at 4K resolution in 10bit and then restored in 4k.

Alastair Sim plays Hawkins, a timid watchmaker with a part time job – he is also a professional assassin who bumps off the people we love to hate. But when the philandering MP Sir Gregory Upshott (Raymond Huntley) is the intended target, vacuum cleaner salesman William Blake (George Cole) and Hawkins' new neighbour Ann Vincent (Jill Adams) repeatedly get in the way. As the time of the assassination draws ever closer and Hawkins tracks his victim to a dilapidated seaside hotel called the Green Man, the laughs and the tension steadily rise to a brilliant climax.

*Alastair Sim* also stars alongside *George Cole* in the upcoming *LAUGHTER IN PARADISE* which will be released later in the year as part of the Vintage Classics collection.

#### DVD / Blu-Ray / Digital Extras

- New: Alastair Sim and The Green Man by Stephen Fry
- New: Interview with cultural historian Matthew Sweet
- Those British Faces: Alastair Sim
- Behind the Scenes and Portraits stills gallery

1956 / Cert: U / Total Running Time: 80 mins approx.

Images available from: <u>http://studiocanalpress.co.uk/</u> For further information, please contact Tim Mosley / <u>timmosleypublicist@gmail.com</u>

**The Green Man** is part of the '<u>Vintage Classics collection</u>' – showcasing iconic British films, all fully restored and featuring brand new extra content.

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