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# LAUGHTER IN PARADISE (1951)

BRAND NEW RESTORATION



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DIRECTED BY: MARIO ZAMPI

STARRING: ALASTAIR SIM, GEORGE COLE, FAY COMPTON,  
GUY MIDDLETON & HUGH GRIFFITH

STUDIOCANAL is delighted to announce the release of a brand-new restoration of the classic British comedy **LAUGHTER IN PARADISE**.

Starring the great **Alastair Sim** (*The Green Man*, *School for Scoundrels*), directed by **Mario Zampi** (*Mr. Potts Goes to Moscow*) and written by **Jack Davies** (*Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines...*) and **Michael Pertwee** (*A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*), this enormously entertaining black comedy originally released in 1951 will be released on **DVD**, **Blu-Ray** and **Digital** on **June 29**.

Supporting Sim are a veritable who's who of the era including **George Cole** (*The Happiest Days of Your Life*), **Fay Compton** (*The Haunting*), **Guy Middleton** (*The Captive Heart*) and **Hugh**

**Griffith** (*Ben-Hur*). The film also features an extremely early appearance on film from a young **Audrey Hepburn**.

This new version of **LAUGHTER IN PARADISE** comes looking better than ever and bundled with brand new bonus content and is a welcome addition to the **Vintage Classics** catalogue. Coming hot on the heels of the recently restored **THE GREEN MAN**, the two films are a must for any self-respecting Alastair Sim fan.

The four remaining relatives of famed practical joker Henry Russell are brought together to hear his last will and testament, revealing a £50,000 inheritance for each of them, if they can complete a set task that is completely at odds with their character. The assignments are designed to reflect their greatest shortcomings and test their ability to adapt, and ultimately change for the better.

Law-abiding retired army officer Deniston (Alastair Sim) secretly writes scandalous novels, until he is given a week to get himself arrested for an actual crime and jailed for exactly 28 days. Haughty Agnes (Fay Compton) must find employment as a housekeeper in a middle-class home and retain her position for a month despite her disdain. Simon (Guy Middleton), a penniless womanising rogue, has to marry the first single woman he speaks to, such as the cigarette girl at the club he frequents (Audrey Hepburn). Finally, timid Herbert (George Cole) needs to hold up the bank manager he works for with a mask and a toy pistol. What could possibly go wrong?

#### **DVD / Blu-Ray Extras**

- **New:** Alastair Sim and Laughter in Paradise: Interview with Stephen Fry
- Ministry of Information short Nero: Save Fuel (1943) starring Alastair Sim & George Cole
- Behind The Scenes Stills Gallery
- Alastair Sim's Rectorial Address at Edinburgh University (1949) - *Audio only*
- Easter Egg

1951 / Cert: U / Total Running Time: 80 mins approx.

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**LAUGHTER IN PARADISE** is part of the '**Vintage Classics collection**' – showcasing iconic British films, all fully restored and featuring brand new extra content.

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