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# Kind Hearts & Coronets

# BRAND NEW 4K RESTORATION TO CELEBRATE 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



# STARRING: ALEC GUINNESS, DENNIS PRICE, JOAN GREENWOOD, VALERIE HOBSON DIRECTED BY: ROBERT HAMER

# RE-RELEASED IN CINEMAS – 7<sup>™</sup> JUNE 2019 COLLECTOR'S EDITION, BLU-RAY<sup>™</sup> & DVD – 24<sup>™</sup> JUNE 2019 WATCH ON YOUTUBE <u>HERE</u> & DOWNLOAD THE OFFICIAL TRAILER <u>HERE</u> DOWNLOAD POSTER IMAGE <u>HERE</u>

June 2019 marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original UK release of KIND HEARTS & CORONETS, the jewel in Ealing Studios' crown, and arguably one of the finest British films ever made. To celebrate this anniversary **STUDIOCANAL** are proud to announce that **KIND HEARTS & CORONETS** will be returning to cinemas in gloriously restored 4K, on **June 7<sup>th</sup> 2019**. A stunning Collector's Edition will follow as part of **STUDIOCANAL**'s <u>Vintage Classics Collection</u> on **June 24th 2019**.



Hailing from the Golden-Age of Ealing comedies (*Passport to Pimlico* and *Whisky Galore!* also turn 70 this year) **KIND HEARTS & CORONETS** stars **Dennis Price** as the debonair yet impoverished Louis Mazzini, the would-be Duke of Chalfont whose mother was disinherited by her noble family, the D'Ascoynes, for marrying beneath her. When her dying wish to be buried in the family crypt is refused, Louis vows to avenge his mother and work his way up the family tree, by engaging in the gentle art of murder. One by one he attempts to kill off the eight successors that stand in the way of his becoming Duke – all played by **Alec Guinness** in an unforgettable tour-de-force performance.

Directed by **Robert Hamer** (who co-wrote the screenplay with John Dighton) **KIND HEARTS & CORONETS** also stars **Joan Greenwood** as the husky-voiced siren Sibella and **Valerie Hobson** as the refined and virtuous Edith D'Ascoyne, both of whom threaten to distract Louis from his murderous quest.

A wonderfully entertaining combination of biting class satire, hilarious farce and pitch-black comedy, this story of a suave and elegant serial murderer is as sharp and funny today as ever.

Certificate: U (tbc)

Running Time: 106 mins approx.

KIND HEARTS & CORONETS is part of the '<u>Vintage Classics collection</u>' – showcasing iconic British films, all fully restored and featuring brand new extra content.

## **SPECIAL FEATURES**

The Collector's Edition includes the restored film on Blu-ray, DVD plus booklet, art cards and theatrical poster.

All SKUS include the following extras: Once More with Ealing - a brand new featurette including interviews with filmmakers Whit Stillman, Paul King, Stephen Woolley and critic Peter Bradshaw discussing their love for Ealing and the brilliant legacy of **Kind Hearts & Coronets**; Audio Commentary with Terence Davies, Peter Bradshaw and Matthew Guinness; Alternate US Ending + commentary; John Landis intro; BFI's Introducing Ealing Studios; Those British Faces: Dennis Price; Behind the Scenes stills gallery; Costumes stills gallery.

### **RESTORATION DETAILS**

The 35mm nitrate original negative of Kind Hearts & Coronets was scanned in 4K resolution at 16bit by the BFI archive. The resulting files were sent to Silver Salt Restoration, for restoration and colour grading. Extensive manual correction was carried out on a frame by frame basis to fix large dirt debris, warping, tears, scuffs and scratches. It was colour corrected by Senior Colourist, Steve Bearman.









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