



**DVD press release – Film Noir Collection**

# **Cry of the City**

**A film by Robert Siodmak**

**Victor Mature, Richard Conte, Fred Clark, Shelley Winters,  
Hope Emerson**

The BFI adds more titles to its DVD Film Noir Collection on 15 October with the release of three films in conjunction with Twentieth Century Fox: *Cry of the City* (Robert Siodmak, 1948), *Night and the City* (Jules Dassin, 1950) and *Kiss of Death* (Henry Hathaway, 1947).

*Cry of the City* is a dark crime melodrama, filmed on location in New York City in voluptuous black and white by a director whose name is synonymous with the era of classic *film noir*. It was planned as a follow-up to *Kiss of Death*, a big hit for Twentieth Century Fox the previous year.

Martin Rome (Richard Conte) drives the law crazy – he is a beautiful loser, defying death, the great charismatic anti-hero of Siodmak's masterpiece of law and disorder. Adapted from a novel by Henry Edward Helseth, *Cry of the City* tells the tale of a charismatic New York criminal and his nemesis, the dogged cop and one-time friend who chases him down with a neurotic possessiveness as though in pursuit of his own evil twin.

Richard Conte's dazzling performance as Rome conveys a seductive ruthlessness opposite the brawny Victor Mature – a Fox favourite following his powerful performance in *Kiss of Death* – as Lieutenant Candella, the 'good guy' in the film's running battle between good and evil. They are supported by a brilliant cast including Debra Paget, Shelley Winters, and the mesmerising, scene-stealing Hope Emerson in her most original and remarkable role as a thieving murderess.

## **Extras**

- Original theatrical trailer

The DVD also contains a fully illustrated 10-page booklet – whose cover features the original film poster artwork – with an essay by author Lee Server and cast and credit details.

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