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“Yes, indeed, the Warners here have a picture which makes the spine tingle and the heart take a leap... the result is a highly entertaining and even inspiring film.”

- The New York Times, Bosley Crowther

CASABLANCA

*Available to own for the first time ever
on Blu-ray™ Hi-Def
at a promotional price of \$29.95RRP,
from 4 March 2009 – 1 April 2009.*

The legendary *Casablanca* - which critic Leonard Maltin calls “the best Hollywood movie of all time,” starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman and winner of three Academy Awards® including Best Picture – is now available on Blu-ray™ Hi-Def for the first time ever.

Casablanca has remained a beloved favourite for almost seven decades, and was voted the screen’s greatest love story and the #3 film of all time by the American Film Institute (AFI). This classic wartime romance also took Oscars® for Michael Curtiz (Directing); Julius J. Epstein, Philip G. Epstein and Howard Koch (Writing - Screenplay) and the studio (Outstanding Motion Picture).

About the Film:

Casablanca: easy to enter, but much harder to leave, especially if you're wanted by the Nazis. Such a man is Resistance leader Victor Laszlo (Paul Henreid), whose only hope is Rick Blaine (Humphrey Bogart), a cynical American who sticks his neck out for no one - especially Victor's wife Ilsa (Ingrid Bergman), the ex-lover who broke his heart. Ilsa offers herself in exchange for Laszlo's transport out of the country and bitter Rick must decide what counts more - personal happiness or countless lives hanging in the balance.

Special Features:

- Commentary by Roger Ebert
- Commentary by Historian Rudy Behlmer
- Introduction by Lauren Bacall
- Additional Scenes and Outtakes
- Scoring Session Outtakes

- 2 Documentaries:
 - *Bacall on Bogart*
 - *You Must Remember This: A Tribute to Casablanca*
- Production Research Gallery
- Homage Cartoon *Carrotblanca*
- *Who Holds Tomorrow?:* Premiere Episode from 1955 Warner Bros. Presents TV Series Adaptation of *Casablanca*
- Audio-Only Bonus: Radio Production with the Movie's 3 Key Stars
- Theatrical Trailers

And, one extra special feature available for the first time in Australia:

- Featurette *As Time Goes By: The Children Remember* with Pia Lindstrom and Stephen Bogart

Rating:

PG

Feature Runtime:

102mins

Language:

English 1.0 / French 1.0 / Castilian Spanish 1.0 / German 1.0 / Italian 1.0

*Audio Standards May Vary

Feature Subtitles:

English/ French/ Castilian Spanish/ Danish/ Dutch / Finnish/ German/ Italian / Norwegian / Swedish (Movie and Select Bonus Material)

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