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Jimmy's Hall



“Triumphant” ShortList

On DVD & Blu-Ray from Monday 29th Sept. 2014

Fast Sell:

Jimmy's Hall is a beautifully filmed political drama that contains some of Ken Loach's finest work to date. It tells the story of true-life resistance leader Jimmy Gralton who is exiled from Ireland in the 1930s, during the country's Red Scare, after he builds a community hall against the wishes of the powerful local priest.

Key talent:

Ken Loach, Director (The Wind That Shakes The Barley; The Angel's Share)

Paul Laverty, Writer (The Wind That Shakes the Barley; The Angel's Share)

Barry Ward (Silent Witness)

Jim Norton (The Boy In The Striped Pyjamas)

Andrew Scott (Sherlock; Locke)

Francis Magee (Game of Thrones)

Simone Kirby (Season of the Witch)



RELEASE INFORMATION

Distributor Entertainment One

Certificate 12

Release date 29th September, 2014

Running time 104 minutes

Extras Audio Commentary With Director Ken Loach / Making Of Jimmy's Hall / Deleted Scenes

KEY TALENT INFORMATION

Director Ken Loach

Stars

- Barry Ward
- Jim Norton
- Andrew Scott
- Francis Magee
- Simone Kirby

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Synopsis:

In 1921, Jimmy Gralton's sin was to build a dance hall on a rural crossroads in an Ireland on the brink of Civil War. The Pearse-Connolly Hall was a place where young people could come to learn, to argue, to dream....but above all to dance and have fun. As the hall grew in popularity its socialist and free-spirited reputation brought it to the attention of the church and politicians who forced Jimmy to flee and the hall to close.

A decade later, at the height of the Depression, Jimmy returns to Co. Leitrim from the US to look after his mother and vows to live the quiet life. The hall stands abandoned and empty, and despite the pleas of the local youngsters, remains shut. However Jimmy reintegrates into the community and sees the poverty, and growing cultural oppression, the leader and activist within him is stirred. He makes the decision to reopen the hall despite the consequences he knows he will face...

We like it because:

Ken Loach perfectly balances humour, romance and a passionate human story in a film that tackles political issues head on and perfectly showcases the British director's exceptional talent for realism.

Hot Quotes:

"Triumphant" - ShortList

"Gripping and heartfelt" - The Guardian, Danny Leigh

"Rousing...an evocative look at a dark period in our history" - Newstalk, Seán Moncrieff Show

★★★★ - London Evening Standard

★★★★ - Time Out

★★★★ - The Independent

Special Features:

Audio Commentary With Director Ken Loach

Making Of Jimmy's Hall

Deleted Scenes

Editor's Notes:

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