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THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES



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**THE CLASSIC 1939 SHERLOCK HOLMES MYSTERY STARRING
BASIL RATHBONE AND NIGEL BRUCE**

★★★★★ RADIO TIMES

THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES, presented for the first time on Blu-Ray, is part of STUDIOCANAL's DEFINITIVE SHERLOCK HOLMES collection. The classic 1939 version of one of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's most famous and entertainingly macabre Sherlock Holmes stories, THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES, stars Basil Rathbone as Holmes and Nigel Bruce as his trusted sidekick Dr Watson.

Sherlock Holmes has proved an enduring favourite with audiences since Conan Doyle's first story featuring the Baker Street detective was published in 1887. More recently, interest has been revived with the hugely popular BBC series *Sherlock*, starring Benedict Cumberbatch, as well as the big screen hits starring Robert Downey Jr; but the series of films starring Basil Rathbone are regarded by many to be the most faithful, and entertaining, of all the Holmes adaptations, and *THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES* is considered one of the very best.

THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES, about a titular beast plaguing an aristocratic family, marked Basil Rathbone's debut as Sherlock Holmes. Arguably the greatest screen incarnation of the detective, he would go on to star in thirteen more Sherlock Holmes films and became world famous for the part, smoking a pipe and wearing his trademark deerstalker hat and cape.

Alongside him, Nigel Bruce made a memorably bumbling Dr Watson, providing comic relief to Holmes's sleuthing. The success of this film paved the way for an unlikely but formidable cinematic pairing.

In supporting roles the film features such legendary actors as John Carradine (*The Grapes Of Wrath*), Wendy Barrie (*The Private Life of Henry VIII*) and Lionel Atwill, who would go on to play Holmes's nemesis Moriarty in the 1942 film *Sherlock Holmes And The Secret Weapon*, also starring Rathbone.

Despite the English setting, the film was made in California, and Rathbone and Bruce returned to the roles the same year in *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*, released a mere six months later.

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Extras:

- Interview with Sir Christopher Frayling - writer and presenter of BBC documentary series *Nightmare: The Birth of Victorian Horror*
- Interview with Basil Rathbone biographer Michael Druxman

Blu-ray tech specs:

Feature Running Time: 80 mins approx. / Feature Aspect Ratio: 1.33:1 (4:3) / B&W / HD Standard 1080p / 2.0 Mono PCM / English / English Subtitles

DVD tech specs:

Feature Running Time: 80 mins approx. / Feature Aspect Ratio: 1.33:1 (4:3) / Mono 2.0 / B&W / English / English Subtitles

The Vintage Classics edition of *The Hound of the Baskervilles* has an introduction by Ruth Rendell and also contains the much-loved Sherlock Holmes story 'The Adventure of the Speckled Band'.

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