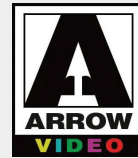




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P R E S S R E L E A S E

Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia



RELEASE INFORMATION

Distributor	Arrow Video
Certificate	18
Release date	23rd January, 2017
Price	£24.99

KEY TALENT INFORMATION

- Director: Sam Peckinpah (*The Wild Bunch*, *Straw Dogs*)
- Warren Oates (*The Wild Bunch*, *Badlands*, *In the Heat of the Night*)
- Isela Vega (*The Black Widow*)
- Robert Webber (*12 Angry Men*, *The Dirty Dozen*)
- Gig Young (*They Shoot Horses, Don't They?*, *That Touch of Mink*, *Game of Death*)

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“Oates’s performance is one of the most astounding depictions of the 1970s”

The Telegraph

On Blu-Ray from Monday 23rd Jan. 2017.

Fast sell:

Sam Peckinpah’s most personal movie, *Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia* is often regarded as his last great masterpiece, concluding the period in which he also made *The Wild Bunch* and *Straw Dogs*. A love story playing out against a backdrop of brutality, this gripping film is released by Arrow Video with a brand new 4K restoration created exclusively for this Limited Edition Blu-ray.

Synopsis:

NOBODY LOSES ALL THE TIME

Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia concluded a remarkable period for filmmaker Sam Peckinpah. It brought to an end a seven-year and seven-film run of masterpieces that included the taboo-breaking ultra-violence of *The Wild Bunch* and *Straw Dogs*, and the more elegiac tones of *The Ballad of Cable Hogue* and *Junior Bonner*. A love story that plays out in a

brutal environment, *Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia* sits somewhere between these moods and may just be Bloody Sam's greatest work, as well as his most autobiographical.

Warren Oates plays Bennie, a piano player in a Mexican bar who gets himself involved in the manhunt for Alfredo Garcia, a man with a million-dollar price-tag on his head having impregnated the daughter of crime boss El Jefe (Emilio Fernández). Sensing an easy pay day, Bennie takes his girlfriend, Elita (Isela Vega) on a trip that'll prove fatalistic for many of those involved.

During a career that was blighted by studio interference, Peckinpah would later say that *Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia* was the only which ended up exactly as he wanted: "I did it exactly the way I wanted to. Good or bad, like it or not, that was my film." And it was. This is as close to 'Pure Peckinpah' as it gets – beautiful, violent, troubling, heartbreaking, astonishing.

We like it because:

Most of Peckinpah's films - even his cinematic greats - were infiltrated by studio execs interfering where they weren't needed. However, with *Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia*, Bloody Sam was left to his own devices, allowing him to make the exact film that he wanted and giving us this raw piece of 'Pure Peckinpah'.

Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia is a beautiful and heartbreaking film with astonishing performances from its two leads, Warren Oates and Isela Vega. Their love story plays out against Peckinpah's trademark violence as they embark on a manhunt in order to make their fortune. Their commitment to their roles never wavers and they bring their characters to life extraordinarily, giving us a glimpse of the underbelly of humanity.

Arrow Video give this Peckinpah classic the treatment it deserves with this beautiful 4K restoration, loading it with special features that give a fascinating insight into the film and its director. The Limited Edition also includes a bonus Blu-ray disc packed with never-seen-before interviews from many of Peckinpah's contemporaries and colleagues, giving cinephiles something to really pour over.

Hot Quotes:

"Some kind of bizarre masterpiece" Roger Ebert

"A down and dirty movie, full of gutter poetry" The Guardian

"Oates's performance is one of the most astounding depictions of the 1970s" The Telegraph

LIMITED TWO-DISC EDITION CONTENTS

Brand new 4K restoration from the original camera negative produced by Arrow Films exclusively for this release
Original 1.0 mono audio

Optional English subtitles for the deaf and hard of hearing

Brand new audio commentary by Stephen Prince, author of *Savage Cinema: Sam Peckinpah and the Rise of Ultraviolent Movies*, recorded exclusively for this release

Audio commentary by Sam Peckinpah scholars Paul Seydor, Garner Simmons and David Weddle, moderated by Nick Redman

Sam Peckinpah: *Man of Iron*, Paul Joyce's feature-length 1993 documentary featuring interviews with James Coburn, Kris Kristofferson, Monte Hellman, Ali MacGraw, James Robards and others, available on home video in the UK for the first time ever

The John Player Lecture: Sam Peckinpah, audio recording of the director's on-stage appearance at the National Film Theatre

Theatrical trailer

Bonus Blu-ray: Featuring never-before-seen interviews with Peckinpah colleagues and contemporaries including Kris Kristofferson, Monte Hellman, L.Q. Jones, Alan Sharp and more [Limited Edition exclusive]

Reversible sleeve featuring original and newly commissioned artwork by Peter Strain

Extensive collector's booklet containing new writing by Alexandra Heller-Nicholas and numerous reprints including interviews and more

Editor's Notes:

DETAILS

Blu-ray RRP: £24.99

Region: B

Rating: 18

Year: 1974

Duration: 112 mins

Language: English

Subtitles: English SDH

Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1

Audio: 1.0 mono

Colour

Discs: 2

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