

THE BISHOP'S WIFE

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A chance to spend Christmas with Cary Grant, David Niven and Loretta Young

THIS CHRISTMAS, it's time to catch up on a true seasonal classic on the big screen. Cary Grant, Loretta Young and David Niven head up the sparkling star cast in the heartwarming, Oscar-winning fantasy **THE BISHOP'S WIFE**.

A rare chance to rediscover this overlooked festive film treasure, **THE BISHOP'S WIFE** will be showing in Showcase Cinemas this December for a limited engagement.

Synopsis

An angel, in human form, comes to Earth to help out a bishop who is involved in a desperate fundraising appeal to build a cathedral. The bishop, troubled and distracted by his financial concerns, has been cut off from his wife and parishioners - a state of affairs the suave angel intends to put straight, in the face of jealousies, misunderstandings and mishaps.

About the Film

The Oscar-winning film, directed by Henry Porter (who went on to make the James Stewart classic *Harvey*) stands alongside *It's A Wonderful Life* and *A Matter of Life and Death* as a wonderfully charming, and life-affirming, fantasy from the Golden Age of Hollywood studio cinema.

Screen idol Cary Grant (*Charade*) - who, according to the *New York Times*, "gives one of his most fluent and beguiling performances" - really shines as the angel without wings, who comes to the aid of beleaguered couple David Niven (*Around the World in 80 Days*) and Loretta Young (*The Farmer's Daughter*). The film is packed with memorable moments - including Grant and Young ice skating, the angel plucking the strings on a harp, and nearly coming to blows with the bishop - and you'd have to have a heart of ice not to be moved by the poignant finale.

Jauntily scored, and handsomely mounted with snow-sprinkled sets shot with pristine black and white cinematography, this 'frothily touching comedy' (*Time Out*), produced by none other than legendary producer Samuel Goldwyn (*A Star Is Born*), was nominated for five Oscars (including Best Picture), and won one.

NOMINATED FOR 5 ACADEMY AWARDS INCLUDING BEST PICTURE

Cary GRANT Loretta YOUNG David NIVEN

"THE MOST ENCHANTING PICTURE OF THE YEAR"
NEW YORK TIMES

"A FILM NOT TO BE MISSED"
FILM SCHOOL REJECTS

"IT HAS WARMTH AND CHARM"
VARIETY



COMING TO **SHOWCASE** CINEMAS 12TH & 17TH DEC

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KEY INFORMATION

- **Distributor**
Showcase Cinemas
- **Release Date**
12th & 17th December 2019

KEY TALENT INFORMATION

Cast

- Cary Grant
- Loretta Young
- David Niven

Director

- Henry Porter

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And if there's a certain sparkle in the script, who knows, it might be down to the legendary duo Billy Wilder and Charles Brackett (Sunset Boulevard) having an uncredited hand in the writing of the film.

Be sure to catch this vintage delight as it lights up a Showcase screen near you - it'll warm your heart from the winter chill, and is guaranteed to make you leave the cinema with a feelgood glow.

Quotes:

"We cannot recommend you to a more delightful and appropriate Christmas show - it is superb"
New York Times

"Goosebump-inducing stuff... it is a film not to be missed, and it demands far more love than it gets"
Film School Rejects

"Engaging! Imaginative! It has warmth and charm!"
Variety

"A frothily touching comedy"
Time Out

THE BISHOP'S WIFE is showing across the Showcase Cinema Circuit*, on Thursday 12th December at 7pm and Tuesday 17th December at 4.30pm.

*The film will not be playing at the Newham and Paisley branches due to refurbishing work.