

# CINEMA16

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## **CINEMA16: AMERICAN SHORT FILMS INCLUDES DIRECTORS LUCAS, BURTON, VAN SANT**

The critically acclaimed **Cinema16** series continues with **American Short Films**, which will be released on DVD in the UK in June 2006. Amongst the A-list directors confirmed are George Lucas, Tim Burton, Alexander Payne, Todd Solondz, Gus van Sant, Mike Mills, Andy Warhol and DA Pennebaker.

The 16 films include: Gus Van Sant's 1982 adaptation of a William S. Burroughs short story, *The Discipline of DE*; Tim Burton's early stop motion animated classic *Vincent*; George Lucas' USC short *Freiheit*; Alexander Payne's previously unreleased UCLA graduation short *Carmen*; D.A. Pennebaker's Duke Ellington scored *Daybreak Express*; Todd Solondz' NYU short *Feelings*; along with Oscar winner *The Lunch Date* by Adam Davidson, Stefan Nadelman's multi-award winning documentary *Terminal Bar*, Joe Nussbaum's cult classic *George Lucas in Love*, this year's Sundance winner *The Wraith of Cobble Hill* by Adam Parrish King and *Paperboys* by Mike Mills.

**Cinema16** celebrates the short film by showcasing some of the best classic and award winning shorts on DVD accompanied by audio commentaries by their directors. The release of **Cinema16: American Short Films** follows the success of two previous DVD releases in the series – **Cinema16: British Short Films** and **Cinema16: European Short Films** – which include the work of Mike Leigh, Sir Ridley Scott, Lars von Trier, Stephen Daldry, Lynne Ramsay, Christopher Nolan, Jean-Luc Godard, Patrice Leconte, Tom Tykwer, Nanni Moretti, Lukas Moodysson and Jan Svankmajer amongst others. Both collections have grown through word of mouth to become major independent hits both critically and commercially, and owing to popular demand, will be re-released alongside the new American Short Films DVD.

**Cinema16** is a filmmaker driven initiative, produced by Luke Morris, who won the European Film Award and a BAFTA nomination for his first short *Je t'aime John Wayne*, and was BAFTA nominated again this year, with Toby MacDonald, for *Heavy Metal Drummer*.

Aside from providing short films with a much needed platform **Cinema16** gives filmmakers and movie-lovers access to some great films that would otherwise be near impossible to see. With over three and a half hours of films **Cinema16** is essential viewing for anyone with an interest in the moving image.

Responses to Cinema16: British Short Films and Cinema16: European Short Films releases:

"\*\*\*\*\* *The quality of this collection is exceptional, it's like having a complete film festival in the comfort of your own home*" Empire

"A unique collection of exceptional short films" Dazed & Confused

"The range of work is rich and remarkable. Essential" i-D

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