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## **Eleven Silent Era Films from the Library of Congress Now on DVD**

Portland, Oregon – Thanhouser Company Film Preservation announced today the release of a DVD produced in cooperation with the Library of Congress that contains 11 new HD transfers of silent era films produced by the pioneering Thanhouser Studio between 1910 and 1915; the studio was based in New Rochelle, NY.

Presented for the first time in over 100 years, these rare films are held by the Library of Congress National Audio-Visual Conservation Center in Culpeper, VA. Several films were repatriated from international collections, including the New Zealand Film Archive, the EYE Filmmuseum, the British Film Institute, USA museums and historical societies, and from private collections.

New and original music is composed and performed exclusively for this collection by Ben Model for 10 of the films with Robert Israel for one title. Included with this collection is a 12-page booklet with film notes, synopses, and cast listings for all films.

The highlight of this anthology is the two-reel film *The Picture of Dorian Gray* released by the studio in 1915 that is based on Oscar Wilde's sensational novel. Professors Judith Buchanan and James Williams of the University of York narrate an optional commentary track that provides unique insight into the life of Oscar Wilde and the studio's interpretation of this classic philosophical novel.

### **Thanhouser Films on the DVD**

1. [\*Not Guilty\*](#) (1910)
2. [\*Oh, What a Knight!\*](#) (1910)
3. [\*The Only Girl in Camp\*](#) (1911)
4. [\*A Circus Stowaway\*](#) (1911)
5. [\*When a Count Counted\*](#) (1912)
6. [\*Little Brother\*](#) (1913)
7. [\*The Tell-Tale Scar\*](#) (1914)
8. [\*The Picture of Dorian Gray\*](#) (1915)
9. [\*When Hungry Hamlet Fled\*](#) (1915)
10. [\*Down on the Phoney Farm\*](#) (1915)
11. [\*The Mistake of Mammy Lou\*](#) (1915)

### **Special Video Features on the DVD**

1. [\*Tour of the Library of Congress Nitrate Vaults\*](#) (2009)
2. Trailer: [\*The Thanhouser Studio and the Birth of American Cinema\*](#) (2015)

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