## **Thanhouser Company**



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# New Release of Silent Era Films Now on DVD and Streaming Online

Portland, Oregon – Thanhouser Company Film Preservation announced today at the Pordenone Silent Film Festival (<u>http://www.giornatedelcinemamuto.it/</u>) the release of 19 silent films not seen by the public in over 100 years. Produced in cooperation with international archives and private collectors, this release brings the total number of Thanhouser films available to the public to 96. All 19 films are available on three DVDs for purchase at <u>www.thanhouser.org</u> for \$19.95 or streaming individual films online at <u>www.vimeo.com/ondemand/thanhouser131415</u> for \$1.99 per film.

The films in this new three-disc collection were made available by the Library of Congress in Washington, DC, the George Eastman Museum in Rochester New York, the British Film Institute in London, England, the Academy Film Archive in Los Angeles, California, The University of California Film and Television Archive in Los Angles, California, Getty Images in New York, New York, and Hiroshi Komatsu in Tokyo, Japan.

A highlight of this anthology are two films released in 1911 based on Henrik Ibsen's classic plays: *The Pillars of Society* and *A Doll's House*. An optional commentary track by Eirik Frisvold Hanssen of the National Library of Norway provides additional insight into Ibsen's motivations and Thanhouser's realization on the screen.

Other highlights include *The Star of the Side Show*, a one-reel comedy with the "Thanhouser Kid" (Marie Eline) who joins a circus troupe only to fall in love with a seven-foot giant, *The Twins of the GL Ranch* featuring the "Thanhouser Twins" (Marion and Madeline Fairbanks), who save the day, and *Toodles, Tom and Trouble* featuring the Thanhouser collie ("Lady") who leads "Tom" (Colin Campbell) on a hilarious chase as he attempts to save baby "Toodles" (Baby Gereghty) from certain tragedy!

New and original music is composed and performed exclusively for this collection by Ben Model, Stephen Horne, and Nathan Avakian. Included with the collection is a 12-page booklet with film notes, synopses, and cast listings for all films. Below is the complete list of film titles included in this release:

#### Volume 13

The Pillars of Society (1911) A Doll's House (1911) The Austin Flood (1911) Cupid the Conqueror (1911) The Star of the Side Show (1912) The Girl of the Grove (1912) The Thunderbolt (1912)

#### Volume 14

Cross Your Heart (1912) The Idol of the Hour (1913) The Girl of the Cabaret (1913) Jack and the Beanstalk (1913) Coals of Fire (1914) Their Best Friend (1914)

### Volume 15

The Mother of Her Dreams (1915) The Twins of the GL Ranch (1915) John T. Rocks and the Flivver (1915) Toodles, Tom and Trouble (1915) Guiders (1916) BONUS FILM: An American in the Making (1913)

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