

# Mary Poppins 45th Anniversary Edition

DVD Review by Brian Savage

If you are a Disney fan or have ever wanted to own one of the most important works ever produced by Disney, this DVD set is for you! Not only is it a beautiful reproduction, but it also has hours of bonus material!

Did you know that *Mary Poppins* was Julie Andrews' first motion picture and Dick Van Dyke's second? How many people have earned the Academy Award for Best Actress on their first movie? It also won four other Academy Awards besides Ms. Andrews Best Actress Award.

After 45 years, the film is just as timeless as ever and truly speaks to its deeper meaning that love, kindness, and family are what really matter in life. In addition, this film set many milestones, as it is the grandfather of all live action/animation mixed films. This 1964 film was the first time audiences were treated to the "new" special effect of seeing live actors interact with animation characters. Without Walt Disney pioneering this technology, thousands of films would have never been made.

It took Walt Disney over 20 years to secure the rights to this film as the original author P.L. Travers was very particular about how her characters were to be portrayed. It took Walt Disney, the master of family entertainment, to coax the rights from her and produce this timeless masterpiece.

The "inside, behind the scenes" bonus material alone is worth the purchase price. Not only does it have the traditional making of insight, but it also features an intimate session with Julie Andrews, Dick Van Dyke and one of the primary music composers Richard Sherman who tell their own inside tales of the making of this wonderful film. The bonus features also include several pieces on the Broadway production version of *Mary Poppins* along with a bonus short *An Animated Adventure*.

Don't miss this release! This edition also includes a coupon for \$6 off of the combined purchase of *Mary Poppins* and *The Secret of the Magic Gourd* (not reviewed) as a limited time offer that expires April 30, 2009. So grab your magic umbrella and fly down to your local store and pick up this latest Disney release, its supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

