

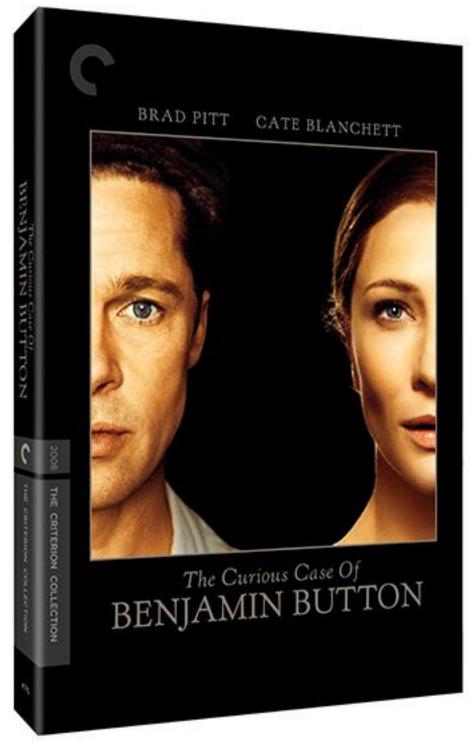
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CHICAGO – Paramount/Criterion made a huge announcement today, revealing that <u>David Fincher</u> [6]'s Oscar-winning "<u>The Curious Case of Benjamin Button</u> [13]" will be inducted into The Criterion Collection in its debut on DVD and Blu-Ray on May 5th, 2009. The <u>Brad Pitt</u> [15] and <u>Cate Blanchett</u> [4] drama will arrive in a two-disc special edition DVD and two-disc Blu-Ray with over three hours of special features.

"The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" was named by over 150 critics as one of the best films of 2008. The film marks Fincher's first inclusion in the prestigious Criterion Collection. Cover art below.



The Curious Case of Benjamin Button will be released on DVD and Blu-Ray on May 5th, 2009. Photo credit: Paramount Home Video

The official details:



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"The Curious Case Of Benjamin Button two-disc DVD and two-disc Blu-ray boast over three hours of enthralling special features including interviews with stars Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett with behind-the-scenes footage of their astonishing on-screen transformations, an in-depth documentary revealing the unusual journey of the film itself including the secrets of its award-winning visual effects and an exploration of the groundbreaking computer wizardry that brought the magical world of Benjamin Button to life."

"The Curious Case Of Benjamin Button two-disc and single-disc DVD are presented in widescreen enhanced for 16:9 TVs with Dolby Digital English 5.1 Surround, French 5.1 Surround and Spanish 5.1 Surround and English, French and Spanish subtitles. The two-disc Blu-ray is presented in 1080p high definition with English 5.1 DTS-HD Master Audio™, French 5.1 Dolby Digital and Spanish 5.1 Dolby Digital and English, English SDH, French and Spanish subtitles. The two-disc Criterion Edition DVD and two-disc Criterion Blu-ray include the following special features:

- o The Curious Birth of Benjamin Button—four-part documentary:
- o Academy Award-nominated director David Fincher introduces the surprising beginnings of what would become an epic masterpiece including the casting of Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett, the decision to change the location of the story to New Orleans and more.
- o Follow the production from day one including the challenges of aging Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett, designing over five thousand costumes and creating the animatronic baby.
- o Explore the incredible visual effects techniques created specifically for the film that allowed Brad Pitt to play the title character at virtually every age. Also includes a visit to the scoring stage with composer Alexandre Desplat.
- o Walk the red carpet at the film's premiere in New Orleans, with final thoughts from cast and crew.
- o Audio Commentary by director David Fincher

There is also a single-disc DVD presentation that includes the feature film.

'The Curious Case of Benjamin Button' will be released by Paramount Home Video and stars Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett, Taraji P. Henson, Jason Flemyng, Tilda Swinton, Julia Ormond, and Jared Harris. It was written by Eric Roth and directed by David Fincher. It will be released on May 5th, 2009. It is rated PG-13.



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