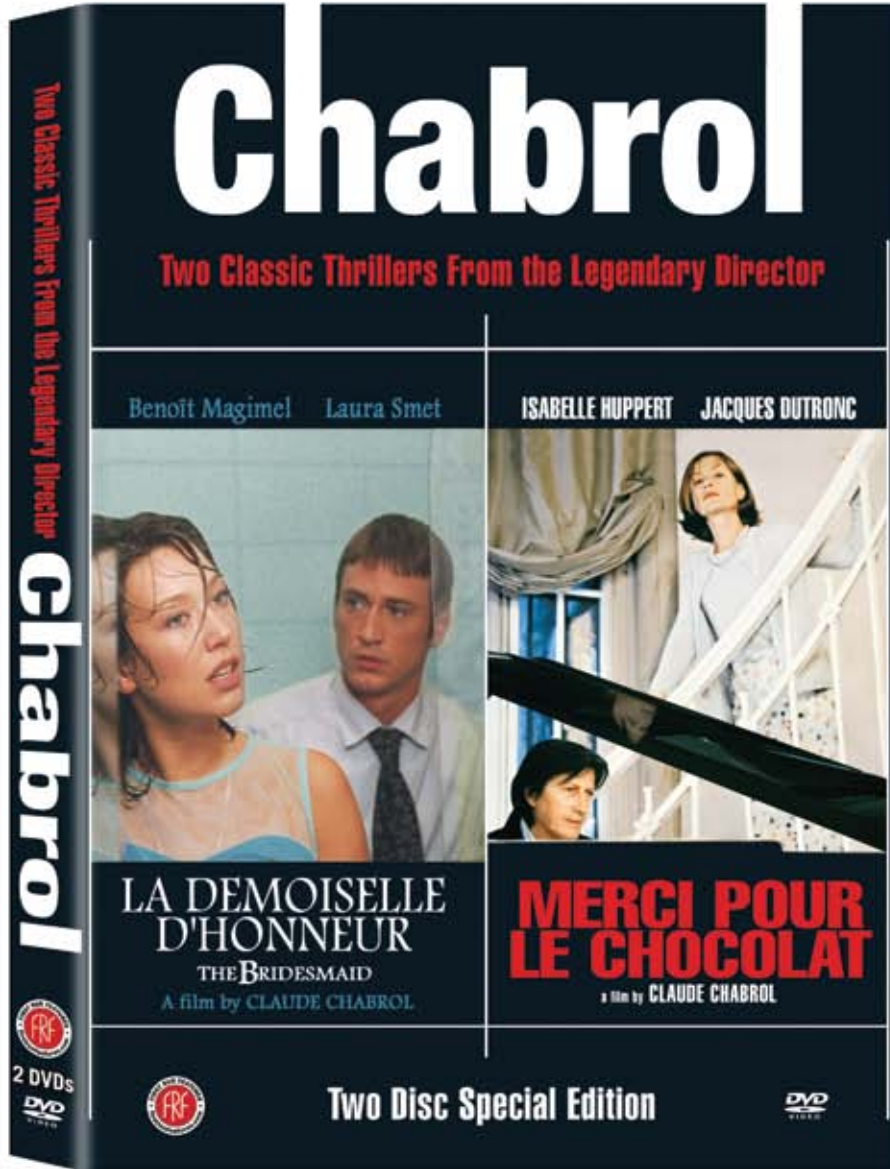




FIRST RUN FEATURES presents TWO CLASSIC THRILLERS FROM CLAUDE CHABROL

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La Demoiselle d'Honneur (The Bridesmaid)

It's love at first sight when bridesmaid Senta falls into the life of handsome young Philippe at the wedding of his younger sister. As their passion for one another intensifies, Philippe slowly discovers that Senta is shrouded in mystery. When one day she asks Philippe to perform a terrible deed as proof of his love for her, Philippe must come to terms with who his lover might really be. Based on the novel by Ruth Rendell, "the best mystery writer in the English-speaking world" (Time Magazine) and starring Benoît Magimel (The Piano Teacher) and Laura Smet.



Merci Pour le Chocolat (Thank You for the Chocolate)

This is vintage Chabrol: intricate plots wend their way through the elegant homes of several well-heeled Swiss families. Isabelle Huppert stars as Mika, the oh-so-perfect head of a chocolate company; Jacques Dutronc is Andre, her suave, concert pianist husband whose first wife died years ago in a mysterious car accident. How is it that Andre's teenage son has no musical talent, while the stunning Jeanne, who shares his birthday, is already a world-class pianist? Chabrol has fashioned a delectable mystery, dipped in darkest Swiss chocolate.

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