

Review #71 : *La Mariée Est Trop Belle* (1956)

Louis Jourdan and Brigitte Bardot – Micheline Presle

Her Bridal Night (1965) (aka *La Mariée Est Trop Belle*) is a charming romantic comedy nonsense starring Louis Jourdan, Micheline Presle and Brigitte Bardot as a right sweet and blushing young girl, before her 'sex' image burst in *And God Created Woman*.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XylWScsNEIo>



SYNOPSIS

Pert teen model *Chou-Chou* (**BB**) is secretly in love with fashion magazine editor Michel (**Louis Jourdan**). He handles her with kindness and respect but she feels he only sees her as a little girl. Becoming a top-model doesn't change the sweet heroine, but she changes the lives of the sophisticates who discovered her, bringing light and joy and charming (almost) everyone with her bubbly personality and pureness of heart. She indeed must tread very carefully, as co-worker Judith (**Micheline Presle**) is also harbouring feelings for Michel and plans to get a divorce from her globe-trotting husband to get him. During a weekend photoshoot in the country, reality and fantasy blur when *Chou-Chou's* male model partner walks off on the job, and Michel must replace him for a series of wedding photos in an everyday life magazine. *Chou-Chou* goes overboard trying to keep her feelings under wraps as the situation dissolves into farce...

REVIEW

This quickly paced romantic farce is held in affection by many for its pairing of two gorgeous myths of French cinema, Louis Jourdan and BB as the model he's catapulted to fame. The two thoroughly confused lovers, each paired off with another mate, nevertheless manage to 'get married' twice in the film, making for lovely photos... Charming Brigitte Bardot is almost in her own world in this delightful love story, and always a pleasure to watch ; she glides through situations without getting stressed, looking stunning the entire time. Handsome Louis Jourdan is his usual suave Frenchman and Ms. Presle is amusing and driven as well. With a lovely musical score and great location shooting, this light comedy is just plain fun to watch ! +++