



A GIRL AT MY DOOR (Dohee-ya)

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Release: 2014
Cert (UK): NC
Language: Korean
Runtime: 119 mins
Director: July Jung
Writer: July Jung
Cinematographer: Hyun Seok Kim
Cast: Doona Bae, Hie-jin Jang, Sae-ron Kim |



Perhaps not quite the perfect selection for Mother's Day yet one that does raise many questions about motherhood – and fatherhood and grandmother- hood and guardianship.

Doona Bae stars as Young-nam, who arrives from Seoul in a small fishing village to take up the position of Police Chief, having been pushed out and transferred away from her previous position in the capital. On her first

day moving into the town, she comes across a young girl, Dohee (Sae-ron Kim), whom she decides needs protection.

Doona Bae is exceptional; her every movement and facial expression tells a thousand words. It's a highly-nuanced delivery, and Bae has clearly taken this character deeply to heart, bringing her to life with remarkable skill. The young Kim is similarly brilliant, and the range we see from her would be impressive for an adult actor, let alone a child who's only just become a teenager.



This is the first feature film from director July Jung, and she has already got the backing of producer Lee Chang Dong (who directed 'Poetry', seen here in 2012); a director to watch out for.

Cinematographer Hyun Seok Kim's work enhances every moment, bringing out the beauty and the darkness Jung's script incorporates. Centred on a flawless, stunning leading performance from Bae, the film is filled with

delicately-drawn and deftly-crafted characters, whose actions are sure to spark conflicting opinions. What will your estimation be?