

The Lobster

Autumn Season 2015

Release: 2015 Cert (UK): 15

Language: English Runtime: 118 mins

Director: Yorgos Lanthimos

Writers: Yorgos Lanthimos, Efthymis Filippou

Cinematographer: Thimios Bakatakis

Cast: Jacqueline Abrahams, Roger Ashton-Griffiths, Jessica Barden



The Lobster, received a lot of love from the British independent film awards (Bifas) nominations and won prizes at Cannes.

The romantic satire received seven nominations, including best actor for Colin Farrell, best director and best independent British film. It's Lanthimos's first film in English and his second Bifa nomination. Dogtooth, his Greek-language film about a family living in self-imposed seclusion, was nominated for best foreign film Bifa in 2010.

Peer Bradshaw thinks the first half really is great: hilarious and horrifying and very seductive in narrative terms. The seaside hotel itself (the Parknasilla spa resort in County Kerry) has an eerie look to it: modern and sleek but also faintly down-at-heel and The Lobster interestingly questions the whole idea of leisure, and the luxury hotel, along with our obsession with 'coupledom'.