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Season
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Release: 2015

Cert (UK): 15

Language: English

Runtime: 2 hr 4 mins

Director: Paolo Sorrentino

Writer: Paolo Sorrentino

Cinematographer: Luca Bigazzi

Cast: Michael Caine, Harvey Keitel, Rachel Weisz, Paul Dano, Jane Fonda



Anyone who remembers Paolo Sorrentino's last film, *'The Great Beauty'* (December 2013) will not be surprised to know that this film is also very beautiful. Set in a luxury spa in Switzerland, Sorrentino and his usual cinematographer Luca Bigazzi turn the spa *'into a drool-inducing slideshow of expansively glamorous tableaux'* - Robbie Collin, Telegraph). *'The exquisite camerawork is itself always a reminder of how much beauty there is in the world'* - David Sexton (Evening Standard).

The film has won him 12 awards and 30 nominations, including one for Palme d'Or at Cannes (as have all his films to date)

Fred Ballinger (Michael Caine) is a retired composer who is happy to spend his time looking back on his younger days. Mick Boyle (Harvey Keitel) is his oldest friend, a film director struggling to finish (possibly) his last film. Fred's daughter Lena (Rachel Weisz) arranges for them all to stay in a luxury spa where we join them looking for meaning in their lives, both past, present and future. The Spa is populated with various stars, from Jane Fonda to Paloma Faith.



David Sexton goes on to say...*'Throughout there are bitter, funny aphorisms about life, love and ageing exchanged by the two old friends, in between updates on their prostate troubles. And as ever with Sorrentino, there are intense visions of both sagging, bloated flesh and the transient bloom of ravishing sexuality'*.