



Beyond the Hills

(Dupa Deluri)

Autumn
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Release: 2013

Cert (UK): 12A

Language: Romanian with English subtitles

Runtime: 150 mins

Director: Cristian Mungui

Screenplay: Cristian Mungui from the non-fiction novel by Tatiana Niculescu Bran

Cast: Cosmina Stratan, Cristina Flutur, Valeriu Andriuta



Inspired by true events, this slow-burn drama received critical acclaim at this year's Cannes film festival, earning an award for Best Screenplay and two for Best Actress and a nomination for Palme D'Or.

Writer-director Cristian Mungiu, who had already won the Palme d'Or for *'4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days'*, previously shown at the Film Club, returns with a charged and unsettling tale set in a remote orthodox monastery in the Romanian countryside. Based on two non-fiction novels by Tatiana Niculescu Bran about a modern case of exorcism, this drama tackles the big issues - love, faith, friendship and sacrifice.

Forced to leave the orphanage they grew up in, 18-year-old girls Voichita and Alina head onwards to very different lives: Alina to Germany for work, and Voichita into a monastery. When Alina returns to reunite with her friend, she discovers Voichita has found faith, and that God is the hardest lover of all.

Mungui continues his association with his cinematographer Oleg Mutu in this film, who has produced some beautiful scenes here, using long takes and the natural cold winter light.

