



## LIGHT YEARS

Spring  
Season  
2017

Release: 2015

Cert (UK): 12A, F

Language: English

Runtime: 1 hr 29 mins

Director: Esther Campbell

Writers: Esther Campbell

Cinematographer: Zac Nicholson & Will Pugh

Cast: Sophie Burton, James Stuckey, Mike Wright, Beth Orton



A family can be very close or, when things go wrong, they can be light years apart...

Three children are seen here doing their individual best to hold it together when their mother has had a break down and their father has walked out; the youngest goes looking for her Mum, whilst the middle child obsesses over his health and the

eldest claims to have trysts with imaginary lovers. Everything hangs on the recovery (or not) of their Mother.

Apart from Muhammet Uzuner who we saw in 'Once Upon a Time in Anatolia', the actors are nearly all newcomers, with Beth Orton (known chiefly as a singer-songwriter) playing her first role as the mother. Together with the social-realist plot, this has led to comparisons between director Esther Campbell and Andrea Arnold.

The real key to this film, though, is the beauty in the shooting and the poetry this produces; with the help of her two cinematographers Zac Nicholson and Will Pugh, Esther Campbell produces almost Terrence Mallick-like scenes ('golf balls and butterflies erupt inside the frame' – Mike McCahill, Guardian) to emphasise the mother's thoughts.



Esther Campbell will be here to answer questions at the end of the film tonight.