



MIA MADRE

Autumn
Season
2015

Release: 2015 (Italy/France/Germany)
Cert (UK): 15
Runtime: 106 mins
Director: Nanni Moretti
Screenwriters: Nanni Moretti; Valia Santella;
Francesco Piccolo
Cast:
Margherita - Margherita Buy
Barry Huggins - John Turturro
Ada - Giulia Lazzarini
Giovanni - Nanni Moretti
Livia - Beatrice Mancini



Mark Kermode was clearly taken by Mia Madre. He said that Director and actor Nanni Moretti "focuses on the impending loss of a mother, drawing heavily upon personal experience (Moretti's own mother Agata died while he was completing 2011's We Have a Pope), but also keeping enough distance from his subject to achieve a sense of universality. The beautifully observed and delicately balanced result is a sublimely modulated blend of laughter and tears, a film that cuts to the very heart of profound personal loss without ever losing sight of the fact that life, in all its chaotic comedy, carries on regardless."

Kermode continued "Moretti has said that he avoided watching Michael Haneke's Amour while preparing Mia Madre, and it's perhaps more helpful to think of Bergman or Woody Allen (he did watch Allen's Another Woman) as possible tonal touchstones, although the latter comparison is arguably less a blessing than a curse. With precisely chosen music by (among others) Arvo Pärt and Jarvis Cocker, this is Moretti at his interpersonal best; intimate, empathetic and intensely humane."

