

PAPADOPOULOS & SONS

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Release: 2013 Cert (UK): 15

Runtime: 109 mins

Director: Marcus Markou

Screenwriter: Marcus Markou

Cast: Carl Rice, Stephen Dillane, Georges Corraface, Selina Cadell

Language: English



A relative rarity for Keswick, 'Papadopoulos and Sons' is pure comedy drama, with a heart.

Greek immigrant Harry Papadopoulos is a self-made millionaire with a lavish mansion house and an extravagant lifestyle. But when the economic downturn hits, Harry suddenly loses everything. The one thing the bank cannot seize is the disused family fish and

chip shop in London. Harry can't sell it without the consent of the co-owner - who happens to be his long-estranged brother Spiros. The only option is for Harry and his three children to move into the chippy itself - easier said than done, especially when a rival Turkish kebab shop owner is scrutinising their every move! But upon moving in, Harry finds that old memories are being stirred and, together with his brother, he decides to re-open the neglected chippy...

The film stars Stephen Dillane, who we had in '44 Inch Chest' at the 2010 festival, but is more famous as a tv star – you may have seen him in 'Game of Thrones' recently. To keep the family realistic, one of the '& Sons' is played by Frank Dillane, Stephen's son, who played in the Harry Potter series. You will also recognize Selina Cadell from tv.

'It gets by almost wholly on hangdog charm, but that's an underrated asset, and so is Dillane, delivering a terse and rueful performance that's typically

excellent. His scenes with real-life son Frank, best known as Harry Potter's teenage Tom Riddle, but also beneficiary of at least some of his dad's acting genes, are especially warm and touching' – Tom Robey, Telegraph.

Marcus Markou is nothing if not energetic. He studied to be an actor at the age of 27, by which time he already had a Masters degree, had worked as a journalist and set up an Internet publishing company. He then branched out into writing and producing stage plays (he has had two performed in London) before trying his hand at writing, directing and producing this film. He also has a part in the film.

