

PARTHENOPE

26th
Year!

Autumn
Season
2025

Release: 2025

Cert (UK): 15

Country: Italy

Language: Italian with English subtitles

Runtime: 2 hour 17 mins

Director: Paolo Sorrentino

Written by: Paolo Sorrentino

Cinematographer: Daria D'Antonio

Cast: Celeste Dalla Porta, Stefania Sandrelli, Gary Oldman



Director Paolo Sorrentino has always been fascinated by beauty and here he concentrates totally on the beauty of one woman - Parthenope - whose very appearance seems to have every man obsessed. She herself doesn't like where this power leads her; rather than giving her freedom and enjoyment, her suitors want to own her or bring her sadness.

But has Sorrentino anything real to say? He *'seems to assert that beauty is unappreciated until it vanishes'* - Emily Zemler, Observer - but in *'Seeking freedom above all else in every facet of her existence, Parthenope escapes definition as a consequence, rendering the film a kind of modern myth of beauty incarnate—striking, seductive, and forever out of reach'* - Isaac Feldberg, RogerEbert.com.

