



**DIRECTOR:**

Michael Winterbottom

UK / 2008 / 35mm / Colour /  
94 min/ English

**GENOVA**



**F**ollowing the death of his wife in a car accident, a college professor decides to teach English Literature at an Italian University in Genoa. He is accompanied by his two daughters aged 16 and 10 respectively. The elder daughter begins secretly dating a local Italian teenager, surreptitiously making dates with him behind her father's back. The younger daughter remains close to her father, and still deals with painful memories of her mother's death. The Professor, while enjoying life in Genoa, has to deal with the demands of being a single parent while also balancing his re-emergent love life. One romantic interest is a fellow colleague at the university with whom he shared a brief relationship with back at Harvard when both were students. The colleague tries to get close to the family, helping with translation and their day-to-day needs in Genoa, but crossing the thin line between good advise and intrusion in their private ways in the process.

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**SELECTED FILMOGRAPHY:**

- Forget About Me (1990)
- Love Lies Bleeding (1993)
- Butterfly Kiss (1995)
- Jude (1996)
- Welcome to Sarajevo (1997)
- With or Without You (1999)
- 24 Hour Party People (2002)
- In This World (2003)
- A Mighty Heart (2007)
- The Road to Guantanamo (2006)
- Genova (2008)
- The Shock Doctrine (2009)
- The Killer Inside Me (2010)

**DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHY :**

Michael Winterbottom (born 29 March 1961 in Blackburn, Lancashire) is a prolific British filmmaker who has directed 16 films in the past 13 years. He began his career working in British television before moving into features. Three of his films -- *Welcome to Sarajevo*, *Wonderland* and *24 Hour Party People* -- have been nominated for the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival. Winterbottom went to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn, taking his O Levels in an accelerated four years, and then attended Oxford University before going to film school at Bristol University.

**SCREENPLAY:**

Laurence Coriat, Michael Winterbottom

**DOP:**

Marcel Zyskind

**MUSIC:**

Melissa Parmenter

**CAST:**

Colin Firth, Catherine Keener, Hope Davis, Willa Holland, Perla Haney-Jardine