

# PRODUCTION NOTES CAST AND CREW BIOGRAPHIES

#### **JEREMY IRVINE (PIP)**

Jeremy Irvine studied at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art and has appeared in stage productions including the Royal Shakespeare Company's 'Dunsinane.'

Irvine made his feature film debut starring in the highly acclaimed film "War Horse," directed by Steven Spielberg.

Irvine has recently been seen in the independent feature "Now is Good" opposite Dakota Fanning, who plays a teenage girl with a terminal illness who resolves to live her life on fast forward. The film, based on Jenny Downham's novel Before I Die, is directed by Ol Parker.

He recently wrapped production on "The Railway Man" opposite Colin Firth and Nicole Kidman which is based on a memoir by Eric Lomax that chronicles his experience working on Japan's Death Railway during World War II. Irvine will play the young Lomax in the film.

#### **OLLY ALEXANDER (HERBERT POCKET)**

Olly Alexander started his cinematic career working with critically acclaimed directors such as Gaspar Noe on *Enter The Void* and Academy Award winner Jane Campion on *Bright Star.* He has since gone on to star in *Tormented* opposite Alex Pettyfer, *Dust* and



Gulliver's Travels with Jack Black. Most recently, Alexander has completed The Dish and The Spoon and Cheerful Weather for the Wedding opposite Elizabeth McGovern, Felicity Jones and Mackenzie Crook.

TV credits include 'Summerhill,' 'Lewis', 'The Fades' and 'Not At The Table.'

Alexander is a member of the National Youth Theatre with whom he performed in 'Identify 1000' and his professional theatre debut was in the critically acclaimed American play, 'The Aliens' at the Bush Theatre alongside Mackenzie Crook and Ralph Little.

The Young Herbert Pocket is played by Charlie Callaghan

#### **RALPH FIENNES (MAGWITCH)**

Ralph Fiennes studied at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and won his first role immediately after graduating when he appeared in two productions of Shakespeare at the Open Air Theatre in London's Regent's Park.

In 1988 he was invited to join the prestigious Royal Shakespeare Company for whom he subsequently played Henry VI, Edmund in 'King Lear' and Berowne in 'Love's Labour's Lost'.

His first film role was as Heathcliff in *Wuthering Heights* which brought him to the attention of Steven Spielberg who cast him as the Nazi officer Amon Goeth in *Schindler's List* for which he was awarded a BAFTA, Award, the New York Critics' Best Supporting Actor, the London Film Critics' Best Actor and the National Society of Film Critics award but was also nominated for both a Golden Globe and an Academy Award.

He went on to star in Robert Redford's *Quiz Show*, Kathryn Bigelow's *Strange Days*, Anthony Minghella's *The English Patient*, for which he received his second Academy Award and BAFTA nominations, *Oscar and Lucinda, The End of the Affair* (BAFTA



nomination as Best Actor), *Red Dragon*, *Onegin* (which he also produced), *Sunshine*, *Spider*, *Maid in Manhattan*, *The Constant Gardener*, for which he received numerous nominations including his fourth BAFTA, *The White Countess, The Duchess* (Golden Globe and British Independent Film Awards nominations as Best Supporting Actor), *In Bruges* (BIFA nomination) and *The Reader*.

He has made his mark as one of literature's most terrifying villains, the evil Lord Voldemort in the *Harry Potter* series of films.

He was nominated for an Emmy and a Golden Globe for his performance in HBO's bio-pic *Bernard and Doris*.

Throughout his film career, Fiennes has continued to work on the stage and among the highlights of his theatre work are the title roles in 'Hamlet' (London and Broadway), 'Ivanov' (London and Moscow), 'Richard II' and 'Coriolanus' for the Almeida Theatre, 'Brand' for the RSC, Mark Anthony in 'Julius Caesar', 'The Faith Healer' in Dublin and New York, 'Oedipus' at the Royal National Theatre and a comic success in 'God of Carnage'. In 2011, he took on Prospero in Trevor Nunn's production of 'The Tempest' to rave reviews.

In 2009 he filmed roles in *Clash of the Titans*, *Cemetery Junction*, *Nanny McPhee 2* and the final instalments of the *Harry Potter* films . In 2010 he realized a long-held ambition to direct and star in a feature film of Shakespeare's tragedy, *Coriolanus* which he also produced. The film was invited to premiere In Competition at the 2011 Berlin Film Festival and to screen at the Toronto and London Film Festivals the same year.

Fiennes was nominated for a 2012 BAFTA for Outstanding Debut as director and for a British Independent Film Award for the same. He received the 2011 Richard Harris Award from BIFA for his career achievements.





In 2011/12 he also starred in *Wrath of the Titans and Skyfall*. In 2012 he directed and starred as Charles Dickens in *The Invisible Woman*, the little known story of Dickens' relationship with a young actress, Nelly Ternan.

#### **JASON FLEMYNG (JOE GARGERY)**

Prolific in his output, Flemyng juggles a hugely successful career both in the UK and the US. He has worked repeatedly with Matthew Vaughan and Guy Ritchie on the box office smash X:Men: First Class, the critically acclaimed Kick Ass, Stardust, Layer Cake, Mean Machine, Snatch and Lock Stock and Two Smoking Barrels. He has worked on David Fincher's award winning The Curious Case of Benjamin Button. Flemyng has also starred in Joe Wright's Hanna, Clash of the Titans, Eran Creevy's Shifty, The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen, From Hell opposite Johnny Depp and Rock Star with Mark Wahlberg.

TV credits include 'Primeval', 'Losing Gemma', 'Ghost Squad', 'Quatermass Experiment', 'Alice in Wonderland' and 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles', Stephen Spielberg's 'Young Indy' and Danny Boyle's 'For The Greater Good'.

Highlights of his theatre career include 'Coriolanus', 'As You Like It', 'Moscow Gold', 'Barbicans' and 'All's Well That Ends Well' all at the RSC Barbican.

#### **ROBBIE COLTRANE (JAGGERS)**

Robbie Coltrane needs no introduction to national and international audiences after a prosperous thirty year career. He first appeared on the circuit in 1973 with 'Young Mental Health', a 50 minute documentary which he both directed and produced and which went on to win the Scottish Education Council Film Of The Year Award.



Following that auspicious start, Robbie enjoyed five successful years in live theatre, before making an huge impact on fast-developing alternative comedy television shows in the early 80's. Appearances included: 'Alfresco', 'Kick up the Eighties', 'Laugh I Nearly Paid my Licence Fee' and 'Saturday Night Live'.

He's since made star appearances in thirteen 'Comic Strip' productions, and was awarded the Peter Sellers Award for Comedy at the 1991 Evening Standard British Film Awards for his contribution to film comedy and for *Nuns on the Run*.

However, Coltrane has not had a career solely devoted to comedy. He is remembered fondly for his role in John Byrne's drama, 'Tutti Frutti', in which his superb performance as Danny McGlone earned him his first British Academy of Film and Television Awards [BAFTA] Best Actor Nomination.

Robbie's towering performance as Fitz in the phenomenally successful Granada series 'Cracker' was central to the programme's success. Nine films over three years earned the series awards galore, most notably 2 BAFTA best drama series awards in 1995 &1996; Royal Television Society Award for best drama; Broadcasting Press Guilds 1993 award for best series; USA Cable Ace Awards best movie or mini-series.

Robbie's triumphant portrayal of Fitz has been recognised by Three BAFTA awards as best television actor in 3 consecutive years [1994, 1995 & 1996]; a Silver Nymph Award as best actor from the 1994 Monte Carlo Television Festival; best television actor at the 1993 Broadcasting Press Guilds Awards; Royal Television Society's 1994 award for best male performer; FIPA's best actor award; and a Cable ACE Award in USA for best actor in a movie or mini-series.

Some of Robbie's more recent TV credits include 'The Planman' which he also executive produced, the final episode of 'Frasier', a new one-off TV film of 'Cracker' written by Jimmy McGovern and directed by Antonia Bird and 'Robbie Coltrane's B Road Britain', a 3 part documentary series for ITV.

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He has also written three books <u>Coltrane in a Cadillac</u>, <u>Coltrane's Planes and Automobiles</u> and B-Road Britain.

Robbie's career also involves some 48 films, including *Mona Lisa, Danny Champion of the World, Henry V, Nuns on the Run, Perfectly Normal, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Buddy, Montana, Frogs for Snakes, Message in a Bottle,* two Bond films *Golden Eye* and *The World is not Enough, From Hell, Stormbreaker, Ocean's 12, The Brothers Bloom* and *Tales of Despereaux.* 

One of the UK's most prolific and respected film and television actors, Coltrane earned BAFTA and Los Angeles Film Critics Circle Award nominations for his performance as Hagrid in *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. He reprised his role in *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, *Harry Potter and The Order Of The Phoenix*, *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince* and *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*.

Most recently Robbie has starred in 'Murderland'; the critically acclaimed three part British television series created by David Pirie and directed by Catherine Morshead.

Robbie was awarded the OBE in the 2006 New Year's Honours List for his Services to Drama.

#### **HELENA BONHAM CARTER (MISS HAVISHAM)**

British actress Helena Bonham Carter has lent her talents to a wide array of diverse feature films such as David Fincher's provocative *Fight Club*, Tim Burton's *Sweeney Todd*, for which she received a Golden Globe nomination and an Evening Standard Best Actress Award and the dark comedy *Novocaine*, directed by David Atkins. In 2011 Helena starred as Queen Elizabeth in the Academy Award and BAFTA winning film *The Kings Speech* for which she personally received Academy Award, BAFTA and Golden Globe nominations, she went on to win the BAFTA.





On the last day of filming her screen debut in Trevor Nunn's *Lady Jane*, James Ivory offered her the ingénue lead in *A Room with a View*. It was the first of a series of roles in E.M. Forster adaptations that would bring her international acclaim and was followed by Charles Sturridge's *Where Angels Fear to Tread* and James Ivory's *Howard's End* for which she received a BAFTA nomination. She played Ophelia in Franco Zeffirelli's *Hamlet*, opposite Mel Gibson, and portrayed Elizabeth in *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein*, directed by Kenneth Branagh. She subsequently appeared as Woody Allen's wife in *Mighty Aphrodite*.

For her performance in Iain Softley's *Wings of the Dove*, Helena received a Best Actress nomination for an Academy Award, as well as a Golden Globe and a Screen Actors Guild Award. She received a Canadian Genie Award for Best Actress for Mort Ransen's *Margaret's Museum* and was also Emmy-nominated for her role in Steve Barron's miniseries 'Merlin'.

Other feature film credits include Hans Canosa's *Conversations with Other Women* for which she received an Evening Standard best actress award, Burton's *Big Fish* in which she played two roles, Jenny and The Witch, *Planet of The Apes* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Michael Petroni's *Till Human Voices Wake Us* and the HBO film *Live from Baghdad*, directed by Mick Jackson, for which she was nominated for a Golden Globe and an Emmy Award. Paul Weiland's *Sixty Six*, Thaddeus O'Sullivan's *The Heart of Me* and McG's *Terminator Salvation*. Bonham Carter provided the voice for Lady Tottington in Nick Parker's animated feature film *Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit* and the voice of the Corpse Bride in Tim Burton's stop-motion animation feature *Corpse Bride*. Helena has also appeared as The Red Queen in Tim Burton's 3D Imax Experience *Alice in Wonderland*, as Bellatrix Lestrange in the *Harry Potter* series *and* Burton's *Dark Shadows*.

Bonham Carter's television appearances include 'Magnificent 7', inspired by the life of Jacqui Jackson, she plays a mother with seven children, three normal daughters and four sons who are each in one form or another autistic, 'Dancing Queen', 'Fatal Deception', 'A

film education



Dark Adapted Eye', 'Henri VIII' and 'Toast'. Her performance as Enid Blyton in the BBC drama 'Enid' earned her a BAFTA nomination. Helena's stage credits include 'Woman in White', 'The Chalk Garden', 'House of Bernarda Alba' and 'Trelawny of the Wells'.

#### **HOLLIDAY GRAINGER (ESTELLA)**

Holliday first garnered attention when she took on the role of 'Emily' in *The Scouting Book for Boys*, a film previewed to critical acclaim at the London Film Festival and winning its writer, Jack Thorne, the award for Best British Newcomer at the awards. In the same year, she played the role of 'Mollie' in Pat Holden's feature *Away Days* written by Kevin Sampson and starring Stephen Graham.

She has since been seen in the much lauded adaptation by Moira Buffini of Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre* alongside a stellar cast including Dame Judi Dench, Jamie Bell, <u>Mia Wasikowska</u> and Michael Fassbender. Further projects include Bel Ami opposite Robert Pattinson, Uma Thurman and Kristin Scott Thomas, and she is the lead role of 'Lucrezia Borgia' in 'The Borgias'.

Holliday made her stage debut in the four-handed play 'Dimetos' alongside Jonathan Pryce, Anne Reid and Alex Lanipekun. Holliday played the role of Lydia in Athol Fugard's 1975 tale of a reclusive engineer harbouring a destructive passion for his niece.

Alongside her film and stage credits Holliday's television portfolio is extensive. She starred in the BBC's drama 'Five Daughters' as well as reprising her role as 'Sharon Bilkin' in the second series of 'Above Suspicion' based on the adaptation of Lynda La Plante's best-selling crime novels. She also starred as 'Dirty Debbie' in the BBC Three pilot 'Stanley Park' and has also taken on roles in 'Demons' (ITV), 'Merlin' (BBC), 'Robin Hood' (BBC) and 'Blue Murder' (ITV). Holliday was also recognized for her character of 'Charlie Cooper' in a one-off television adaptation of Kate Long's novel 'The Bad Mother's Handbook'; Holliday starred opposite Catherine Tate, Anne Reid and Robert Pattinson in this popular





comedy drama. Other television credits include 'Waking the Dead' (BBC), 'Waterloo Road' (BBC), 'Where the Heart Is' (ITV) and 'Any Human Heart' (Channel 4).

Her most recent project has been Anna Karenina.

The Young Estella is played by Helena Barlow.

#### DAVID WALLIAMS (MR PUMBLECHOOK)

David is one of Britain's best-loved actors, writers and comedians. The international award-winning 'Little Britain', ran for 4 series and played in over 100 countries worldwide. 'Little Britain Live' toured the UK, Ireland and Australia with a total audience of a million people. 'Come fly With Me' marked a return to the BBC in 2010, airing to record UK audiences of 17 million. David's critically acclaimed serious roles include his performances as Frankie Howerd in the BBC biopic 'Rather You Than Me' and Greville White in Steven Poliakoff's 'Capturing Mary' with Dame Maggie Smith. Theatre includes 'Foster' in Rupert Goold's production of Harold Pinter's 'No Mans Land' with Sir Michael Gambon and film work includes *Dinner For Schmucks, Run Fat Boy Run* and *Stardust*. David's writing skills are not limited to the screen – his critically acclaimed children's books, 'The Boy in the dress' and 'Mr. Stink and Billionaire Boy', are best sellers. David is an honorary trustee of Comic Relief, raising over a million pounds with his 2006 Channel swim. He also swam across the Straits of Gibraltar with James Cracknell and in 2010 he led a team on a non-stop bike ride from John O'Groats to Land's End. In September 2011 he swam the entire length of the River Thames for the charity.

### TAMZIN OUTHWAITE (MOLLY)

Tamzin Outhwaite rose to fame in 1998 as Melanie Healy in BBC's 'Eastenders' for which she won numerous television awards. She went on to star in a number of hugely popular,

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British dramas such as 'Red Cap', 'Hotel Babylon', 'Paradox', 'Vital Signs' and 'The Fixer'. More recently she has been seen in the popular ITV series 'Law and Order: UK' and 'Fast Freddie, the Widow and Me'.

In 2009, Outhwaite starred in the UK revival of 'Sweet Charity'. She received critical acclaim for her performance in the lead role of Charity and was asked to reprise the role in the West End transfer of the show at the Theatre Royal. She has also starred in 'Di, Viv and Rose' at Hampstead Theatre and 'Breathing Corpses' and 'Flesh Wound' at the Royal Court Theatre.

Outhwaite made her film debut in Dominic Savage's *Out of Control*, which won recognition at the 2002 Edinburgh Festival. She later starred in Woody Allen's *Cassandra's Dream* and *7 Seconds* with Wesley Snipes.

#### **SALLY HAWKINS (MRS JOE)**

Since picking up a string of awards, including the Best Actress in a Comedy or Musical Golden Globe, for her performance as Poppy in Mike Leigh's *Happy-Go-Lucky*, Sally has gone on to complete work on Mark Romanek's *Never Let Me Go*, Gurinder Chadha's *It's a Wonderful Afterlife*, Nigel Cole's *Made in Dagenham*, Richard Ayoade's *Submarine*, Cary Fukunaga's *Jane Eyre and* Paul Murphy's *Love Birds*.

Sally made her first notable screen performance as Samantha in the 2002 Mike Leigh film *All or Nothing*. She also appeared as Slasher in the 2004 film *Layer Cake*. Further film credits include: *Happy Ever Afters*, *An Education*, *Cassandra's Dream*, *Waz*, *Persuasion* and *The Painted Veil*.

Her first major television role came in 2005 when she played Susan Trinder in the BAFTAnominated BBC drama 'Fingersmith', an adaptation of Sarah Waters' novel of the same

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name, in which she co-starred with Imelda Staunton, as she had in *Vera Drake*. Since then she has gone on to star in another BBC adaptation, Patrick Hamilton's 'Twenty Thousand Streets Under the Sky'. Sally was the recipient of the RTS Best Actress Award and Golden Nymph Best Actress for her role as Anne Elliot in ITV's 'Persuasion'.

Sally's theatre appearances include' Much Ado About Nothing' (2000), 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' (2000), 'Misconceptions' (2001), 'Country Music' (2004), and David Hare's adaptation of Federico García Lorca's 'The House of Bernarda Alba' in 2005. In 2006, Sally appeared at the Royal Court Theatre in Jez Butterworth's 'The Winterling' and most recently she has starred as Marianne in Mike Longhurt's 'Constellations' at the Royal Court.

#### **EWAN BREMNER (WEMMICK)**

Bremner is probably most widely recognised as Spud in Danny Boyle's Oscar and BAFTA nominated *Trainspotting* where he played opposite Ewan Mcgregor and Robert Carlyle. He would later star in the stage version of 'Trainspotting' as the lead role, directed by Nick Ward.

He has since gone on to have a great and varied cinematic career working with hugely successful directors such as Ridley Scott on *Black Hawk Down*, Bryan Singer on *Jack and The Giant Killer*, Guy Ritchie on *Snatch*, Michael Bay on *Pearl Harbour*, David Mackenzie on *Perfect Sense* and twice with Woody Allen on *Match Point* and *You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger*.

He has also worked on critically acclaimed TV programmes and highlights include David Hare's 'Page Eight', Dominic Savage's 'Dive', Coky Giedroyc's 'The Virgin Queen', Tom Hooper's award winning 'Elizabeth I', Tom Green's 'The Fuse' and David Blair's 'The Accused'.

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His theatre career includes Kathy Burke's 'God of Hell' at the Donmar Warehouse, Philip Howard's 'Damascus' and David Glass' 'Gormemghast'.

#### **JESSIE CAVE (BIDDY)**

Jessie Cave started her film career in lain Softley's *Inkheart* and has since gone on to star as Lavender Brown in *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* and both *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*.

On television, she has had roles in the BBC/Tiger Aspect BAFTA winning series 'Summerhill', 'Sadie Jones' and 'Grandma's House'.

On stage, Cave starred as the title role in JM Barrie's 'Mary Rose', as Liv in Lou Ramsden's 'Breed', for which she won an Off-West End Stage Award, and Thomasina in Tom Stoppard's 'Arcadia' directed by David Leveaux.

She created and runs the comedy sketch website <a href="www.pindippy.com">www.pindippy.com</a>, and makes her debut at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2012 with her solo show "Bookworm". The series of videos she created for *Project Amstell: Simon Amstell gets Connected* featured regularly on the Guardian.

The young Biddy is played by Jessie's sister, Bebe.

#### MIKE NEWELL (DIRECTOR)

Mike Newell has directed everything from a gritty character-driven British TV drama, to major sword-and-sorcery Hollywood blockbuster. A Cambridge graduate born in St Albans, Newell got his first break as a Granta TV trainee, working his way to directing BAFTA nominated 'Ready When You are Mr. McGill' (ITV 1976). Critical success in feature films came with the acclaimed *Dance With A Stranger* (1985), an unflinching, powerful depiction Extract reproduced courtesy of Lionsgate



of the life and death of England's last woman to be sentenced to hanging. In 1994 the Oscar nomination for his iconic comedy, *Four Weddings And A Funeral* established Newell's directorial prowess in a wide range of material. *Donny Brasco* (1997) quickly followed, delivering a striking performance from Pacino, and showcasing Newell's ability to create electric films with an international appeal. Under Newell's command, *Harry Potter & The Goblet of Fire*, (2005), considered one of the best films in the series, blended his talent for reaching an international audience with his capacity to visualise decidedly English characters. He even dabbled with new technologies by taking on *Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time* (2010) and will next shoot the iconic British writer's, Ian McEwan, novel *On Chesil Beach*.

#### **DAVID NICHOLLS (SCREENPLAY)**

Born in 1966 in Eastleigh, Hampshire. David attended Toynbee Comprehensive school, and attended Barton Peveril Sixth Form College, before going to the University of Bristol in 1985 to study English Literature and Drama.

Having graduated, and keen to pursue a career as an actor, he won a scholarship to study at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York, before returning to London in 1991. There he worked in a number of bars and restaurants before finally earning an Equity card. He worked sporadically as an actor for the next eight years, appearing in plays at Battersea Arts Centre, the Finborough, West Yorkshire Playhouse and Birmingham Rep. In between jobs he worked as a bookseller at Waterstones, Notting Hill.

A three year stint at the Royal National Theatre followed, understudying and playing small parts in, amongst others, 'Arcadia', 'Machinal', 'Inadmissible Evidence' and 'The Seagull'. During this period, he began to read plays and film scripts as a freelance reader, before taking a job at BBC Radio Drama as a script reader/researcher. This led to script-editing jobs at London Weekend Television and Tiger Aspect Productions.



During this period, he began to write, developing an adaptation of Sam Shepard's stageplay 'Simpatico' with the director Matthew Warchus, an old friend from University. He also wrote his first original script, a situation comedy about frustrated waiters, 'Waiting', which was later optioned by the BBC.

Simpatico was turned into a feature film in 1999, starring Sharon Stone, Catherine Keener, Jeff Bridges, Nick Nolte and Albert Finney. This allowed David to start writing full-time, and his first TV production followed soon afterwards; 'I Saw You', a one-off romantic-comedy starring Paul Rhys and Fay Ripley, which won best single play at the annual BANFF television festival. Four episodes of 'Cold Feet' followed, and since then David has written for film and TV as well as fiction. He has been twice nominated for BAFTA awards and his first novel, Starter for 10 was featured on the first Richard and Judy Book Club.

David's TV credits include an updated version of 'Much Ado About Nothing', with Damian Lewis and Sarah Parrish (BAFTA nominated - Best Single Play) and the one-off play 'After Sun', starring Peter Capaldi and Sarah Parrish. An acclaimed adaptation of 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles' followed, starring Gemma Arterton, Eddie Redmayne, Hans Matheson and Jodie Whittaker.

In fiction, he has written three novels, <u>Starter for Ten</u>, <u>The Understudy</u> and <u>One Day</u>. In film, <u>Simpatico</u> was followed by the movie version of <u>Starter for Ten</u>, directed by Tom Vaughan, with James MacAvoy and Rebecca Hall, and an adaptation of Blake Morrison's memoir <u>And When Did You Last See Your Father?</u> directed by Anand Tucker, and starring Colin Firth, Jim Broadbent and Julie Stevenson. The feature film version of <u>One Day</u>, directed by Lone Scherfig, starred Anne Hathaway, Jim Sturgess, Romola Garai, Rafe Spall, Jodie Whittaker, Ken Stott and Patricia Clarkson.

At present, David is writing his fourth novel.

David lives in North London with his partner Hannah and two children.

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#### **ELIZABETH KARLSEN (PRODUCER)**

Elizabeth Karlsen co-founded Number 9 Films with Stephen Woolley in 2002 after a long collaboration together under the Palace Pictures and Scala Productions banners. There Elizabeth co-produced Neil Jordan's *The Crying Game*, nominated for six Academy Awards®, and produced Mark Herman's *Little Voice*, which was nominated for six Golden Globe® Awards, an Academy Award® and six British Academy Awards®, including Best Picture.

At Number 9, Elizabeth's credits include *Ladies In Lavender*, an international box office hit, starring Maggie Smith and Judie Dench; *Mrs. Harris* starring Annette Bening and Ben Kingsley, which premiered at the Toronto Film Festival in 2005 and was nominated for a total of 12 Emmy, 3 Golden Globe Awards, 3 Screen Actors Guild Awards and a Producer's Guild of America Award and for which she was also the recipient of the Women's Image Network Award. Anand Tucker's *And When Did You Last See Your Father*?, scripted by David Nicholls, starring Jim Broadbent and Colin Firth, which was selected by Edinburgh, Toronto and Telluride Film Festivals and nominated for 7 British Independent Film Awards; *How To Lose Friends & Alienate People, the* box office hit adaptation of Toby Young's memoir starring Simon Pegg; and the critically acclaimed, award-winning feature documentary *Sounds Like Teen Spirit* directed by Jamie J Johnson. The latest productions include *Made In Dagenham* directed by Nigel Cole (*Calendar Girls, Saving Grace*) starring Sally Hawkins, Bob Hoskins, Rosamund Pike and Miranda Richardson.

Byzantium, written by Moira Buffini (Jane Eyre, Tamara Drewe) and directed by Neil Jordan, starring Gemma Arterton (Tamara Drewe, Prince of Persia) and Saoirse Ronan (Hanna, The Lovely Bones, Atonement) will be released in Winter 2012.

Forthcoming Number 9 productions include Taichi Yamada's ghost novella *Strangers*, scripted by multi award-winning playwright Conor McPherson (*The Eclipse, The Weir*); an adaptation of Lissa Evans' *Their Finest Hour and a Half* by Gaby Chiappe; an adaptation



of Peter Ackroyd's *Dan Leno and the Limehouse Golem* by Jane Goldman (*Kick Ass, X Men: First Class, Stardust*); an adaptation of Patricia Highsmith's novel *Carol* (aka *The Price of Salt*) to be directed by John Crowley ('Boy A'), scripted by Emmy-nominated Phyllis Nagy (*Mrs Harris*) and to star Cate Blanchett and Mia Wasikowska which will start shooting early 2013.

Elizabeth was profiled by Broadcast in their Power List of ten female producers and directors and was selected as one of sixteen women to take part in the Marie Claire/Prince's Trust 'Inspire and Mentor' campaign. She has served on the board of EM Media, as chair for Bird's Eye View and as a patron for Housing for Women.

#### STEPHEN WOOLLEY (PRODUCER)

Stephen Woolley was born in London and began his career selling tickets and ice cream at the art house cinema Screen on the Green in Islington in 1976. From his own rep cinema The Scala he launched Palace Video in 1982 in partnership with Nik Powell and a year later they established a theatrical arm, acquiring, marketing and distributing some 250 independent and European movies from *The Evil Dead*, and *Merry Christmas Mr. Lawrence* to *When Harry Met Sally*.

During this period Woolley's producing career flourished, with a diverse range of critically acclaimed and successful films including *Absolute Beginners*, Golden Globe nominated dance comedy *Shag*, and *Scandal* which attracted critical acclaim and box office success on both sides of the Atlantic.

In 1983 Woolley's long-term partnership with director Neil Jordan began with *The Company of Wolves*; he went on to produce the multi Oscar-nominated trio *The End of The Affair*, *Michael Collins*, *Mona Lisa* and *Interview With The Vampire*, as well as the Oscar-winning *The Crying Game*, for which in 1992 Woolley was awarded Producer of The Year by the Producer's Guild of America.



In 2002 he co-founded Number 9 Films with longtime collaborator and producing partner Elizabeth Karlsen, and in 2005 Woolley made his directorial debut with *Stoned*. His recent projects as producer with Elizabeth Karlsen have included *And When Did You Last See Your Father?* starring Jim Broadbent and Colin Firth; *How To Lose Friends & Alienate People* starring Simon Pegg, Kirsten Dunst, and Jeff Bridges; *Sounds Like Teen Spirit* and *Perrier's Bounty* starring Cillian Murphy and Jim Broadbent.

Most recently Made in Dagenham starring Sally Hawkins, Bob Hoskins and Miranda Richardson was nominated for 4 BAFTA awards, including Best British Film.

Forthcoming Number 9 releases include *Byzantium*, written by Moira Buffini (*Jane Eyre*), starring Gemma Arterton (*Tamara Drewe, Prince of Persia*) and Saoirse Ronan (*Hanna, Atonement*), directed by Neil Jordan (*Interview with the Vampire, The Crying Game*).

Films in development include an adaptation of Lissa Evans' *Their Finest Hour and a Half* by Gaby Chiappe, Jane Goldman's (*The Woman in Black, X-Men: First Class, Kick-Ass*,) adaptation of Peter Ackroyd's Dan Leno and the Limehouse Golem, Peter Straughan's (*Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy, How To Lose Friends & Alienate People*) adaptation of *Great Work of Time* and *Hyena* written and directed by Gerard Johnson (*Tony*). Emmynominated Phyllis Nagy (*Mrs Harris*) has scripted *Carol* based on Patricia Highsmith's novel *The Price of Salt* which John Crowley will shoot early 2013 and will star Cate Blanchett and Mia Wasikowska.

A member of the American Academy for twenty years, this year Woolley is Chair of the BAFTA Outstanding Debut Committee, having previously served on the BAFTA Film Committee for a decade, chairing half that time.

#### **TARIQ ANWAR (EDITOR)**

Tariq Anwar is an award winning editor having won a slew of awards for *The King's*Speech and American Beauty amongst other projects. Notable awards include 2 wins and

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5 nominations for the BAFTA Awards, 2 Academy Awards nominations, 2 ACE nominations and a European Film Award for The King's Speech.

Alongside *The King's Speech*, other recent feature film work has included *Law Abiding Citizen*, *The Other Man*, *Revolutionary Road*, *The Good Shepherd*, *Stage Beauty* and *Sylvia*. He has also worked with acclaimed directors such as Danny Boyle, Franco Zefferelli, Iain Softley and Nicholas Hytner.

Having spent 18 years at the BBC, Anwar learnt his craft by cutting a huge array of programmes for almost every department. TV projects have included 'Oppenheimer' and 'Caught on a Train' in a highly respected career that has spanned over 3 decades.

#### **SUSIE FIGGIS (CASTING DIRECTOR)**

Susie Figgis has been in the industry for over 3 decades and has worked on a plethora of award winning films including Jane Campion's *The Piano*, Michael Mann's *The Last of the Mohicans* and Richard Attenborough's Gandhi. Figgis has worked repeatedly with many critically acclaimed directors including: Tim Burton on 5 projects including *Alice in Wonderland* and *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*; Neil Jordan on over 10 projects including *Interview with a Vampire* and *The Crying Game*; Mike Figgis on *Love Live Long* and *The Browning Version*; Stephen Frears on 3 projects including *Bloody Kids*; Richard Eyre on a handful of films including *Laughterhouse*; Ken Loach on a couple of projects including *Land and Freedom*. She has also worked with Todd Haynes, Fernando Meirelles, Julien Temple, Steven Soderbergh and has collaborated with Mike Newell previously on *Prince of the Persia: Sands of Time*, *Love in the time of Cholera*, *An Awfully Big Adventure* and *Enchanted April*.

Most recently, Figgis has worked on Neil Jordan's *Byzantium*, Tim Burton's *Dark Shadows*, Declan Donnellan's *Bel Ami*, Florian Henckel von Donnersmark's *The Tourist* and preliminary lead casting on Rupert Sander's *Snow White and the Huntsman*.





#### JOHN MATHIESON (DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY)

Mathieson is an award winning Director of Photography. Nominated for 2 Academy Awards, he has won countless awards for Ridley Scott's *Gladiator* including a BAFTA and a Critics Choice Award at the Broadcast Film Critics Association Awards. For *Phantom of the Opera*, Mathieson won a British Society of Cinematographers Award, a San Diego Film Critics Society Award and was nominated for a Satellite Award.

He has worked with highly acclaimed filmmakers most notably Ridley Scott on numerous films including *Robin Hood*, *Kingdom of Heaven*, *Hannibal*, *Matchstick Men* and *Gladiator*. Other projects include Baillie Walsh's *Flashbacks of a Fool*, Joel Schumacher's *Phantom of the Opera*, Matthew Vaughn's *X-Men First Class*, Rowan Joffe's *Brighton Rock* and John Landis' *Burke & Hare*.

His most recent project is Carl Rinsch's 47 Ronin.

#### JIM CLAY (PRODUCTION DESIGNER)

Jim Clay is an award winning production designer having won 2 BAFTAs for Alfonso Cuaron's *The Children of Men* and 'Christabel'. He has also been nominated for an Art Director Guild Award for *The Children of Men*, and a RTS and BAFTA for 'The Singing Detective'. With a career spanning 30 years, he has worked with many great directors including John Madden on *The Debt*, Richard Eyre on *Stage Beauty*, Neil Jordan on *The Crying Game*, Woody Allen on several films including *Match Point* and *You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger* and Jon Amiel on *Copy Cat*, *Queen of Hearts* and *Aunt Julia & the Scriptwriter*. He has also worked extensively with Working Title on projects such as *Love Actually*, *About a Boy* and *Captain Corelli's Mandolin*.

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#### **BEATRIX PASZTOR (COSTUME DESIGNER)**

Beatrix Pastor is an award winning costume designer who, in a career running over 2 decades, has created some of the most iconic costumes of our time. She has repeatedly worked with Gus Van Sant on the likes of *Drugstore Cowboy*, *My Own Private Idaho*, *To Die For*, *Psycho*, *Even Cowgirls get the Blues* and *Good Will Hunting*. She has also worked on Jane Campion's *In the Cut*, Joel Schumacher's *Bad Company*, Nick Cassavetes' *John Q*, Curtis Hanson's *Wonder Boys* and Terry Gilliam's *The Fisher King*. Most recently she has collaborated on *Johnny English Reborn*, *Ironclad*, *You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger* and *The Brothers Bloom*.

#### JENNY SHIRCORE (HAIR AND MAKE UP DESIGNER)

Shircore has worked on a vast array of critically acclaimed projects. She has been nominated for two Academy Awards, winning for *Elizabeth* and she has been nominated for 6 BAFTAs, receiving 2 for *Elizabeth* and *The Young Victoria*.

Shircore has worked on a variety of high profile projects and highlights include Notting Hill, *Vanity Fair*, *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, *The Golden Age*, *Mrs Henderson Presents* and *Clash of the Titans*. Her most recent credits include Madonna's *W.E.* and *My Week with Marilyn* starring Michelle Williams.

#### DAN WHITTY (LOCATION MANAGER)

Dan Whitty began his career on Disney's *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. Since then he has worked on major film franchises such as *Harry Potter and Half Blood Prince* and British hits such as *Johnny English Reborn*, *Bean 2*, *Elizabeth: The Golden Age* and *Nanny Mcphee and the Big Bang*. Further credits include *Nine*, *The Holiday*, *Wild Child* and *In Bruges*.



Directed by Mike Newell

Produced by Stephen Woolley and Elizabeth Karlsen

Produced by Emanuel Michael and David Faigenblum

Screenplay by David Nicholls

Based on the novel by Charles Dickens

**Executive Producers** 

Zygi Kamasa, Norman Merry, Peter Hampden, Mike Newell

**Executive Producers** 

Ed Hart, Jana Edelbaum, Cliff Curtis, Charlotte Larson

**Executive Producer** 

Christine Langan

Co-Producer

Laurie Borg

Director of Photography

John Mathieson BSC

**Production Designer** 

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Editor

Tariq Anwar

Music by

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