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Synopsis

Natalie isn't certain of anything anymore. One minute she is happily married, successful in her career and convinced the future is full of promise. But then a tragic accident occurs and her whole world is turned upside.

Years later, still bruised by grief, she impulsively kisses her colleague Markus. For Natalie, it is just a kiss. For the awkward, unassuming Markus, it is the moment in which he falls hopelessly, helplessly in love. But how will he ever convince such a beautiful, intelligent, confused young woman that he is the man who can bring her back to life?

Based on David Foenkinos' best selling novel of the same name, Audrey Tautou is enchanting in this moving and humorous film that shows us sometimes we can't choose who we fall in love with.

Interview with David and Stéphane Foenkinos Directors

David, *La Délicatesse* is your eighth novel. It has had the most readers of all your works with 700,000 copies sold and translations into 21 languages. How did the idea come about to turn it into a film?

Stéphane – We both wanted to make a film together one day. I was lucky because David gave me the book to read very early on. I immediately thought that it had to be turned into a movie. And that was long before we had any idea the book would reach so many readers.

David – Several of my books are in the process of being adapted. But in my mind, my desire to make movies wasn't linked to my work as a writer. On the one hand, I write novels and on the other, I wanted to make a film. As I did all the interviews and debates one does when a new book is launched, I realized that this story was much more personal than I'd realized and that the subject was very close to my heart. I hadn't finished with the story. When other books I'd written were published, I felt a kind of weariness and a desire to move onto something else. Whereas here, I couldn't break away from it, I still wanted to talk about it and I still had the energy to spend more time with it.

What is the Foenkinos brothers' cinematographic complicity based on?

David – We've been making films for ten years...

Stéphane – We had a wonderful mentor in Jacques Doillon with whom I started out as a casting director. It was his idea to put us to work together on a project. He had a script he couldn't finish and wanted someone to take a fresh look at it. Back then, I was already writing, and David had just published his first novel. And then one day, I was making a "Making Of" for a Stéphanie Murat film in Luxemburg and I had a crew. I saw an opportunity to make the short film we'd been thinking about for a while.

How did the project for *LA DÉLICATESSE* develop?

David – Among the offers we received, we were pleased to meet producers Marc-Antoine Robert and Xavier Rigault because they'd acquired the rights for my previous novel, *Nos Séparations*, and I felt very comfortable with them. I then wrote the screenplay, trying to come up with new ideas. I wanted it to be a film adapted from a book more than a transposition.

David's literary style is in part based on a constant desire to play with the reader. There is self-mockery and multiple digressions, information is inserted between chapters; cultural references, lists, soccer results, the recipe for asparagus risotto and so on. How did you resolve the dilemma of whether to keep these annotations and how to do that, or to get rid of them at the risk of losing the tone?

David – The adaptation is very faithful, but I think the scenes from the book weren't necessarily cinematographic. My challenge was to preserve the tone of the text while creating new fantasies. I used transitions, ellipses and various other tricks to illustrate the passing of time. There are things that aren't in the book but a film is something different to a novel so the things we took from the book had to be visual.

The internal voice also allows you to keep connection with the text.

David – The film begins and finishes with a voice off. Among the filmmakers who have influenced us, firstly there is Truffaut. (The so-called "crackers" scene is a direct homage to BED AND BOARD.) But we also wanted to avoid falling into the trap of a film that was too literary.

Stéphane – We also really like visual comedy and situation comedy. And those offbeat characters like Jacques Tati, Pierre Etaix and Blake Edwards.

The style of the office as well as Markus and Nathalie's costumes are very characteristic of their psychology and they play a key role in the comic side of the film. What did you ask from the set and costume designers?

Stéphane – Given that a large part of the film takes place in the office, we didn't want to film the modernity of glass and open-plan spaces. We had to find wooden moldings, gilt and marble that crepe soles stick to and upon which high heels tap. It's also supposed to be a Swedish company so the watchwords were discretion and a muted atmosphere. As soon as we found the set – a real company in Saint-Denis – we had to revamp the fittings and accessories to avoid being too old-fashioned.

The same applied to the costumes with very precise color codes ranging from navy to beige. So when Nathalie puts on a red blouse, she really is out of place. And as for Markus, I think we totally exhausted the full range of beiges. Every time François Damiens saw a new sweater, he'd quip, "Oh, beige for a change!"

David – We thought long and hard about Markus's comic side, but we absolutely had to avoid him being ridiculous or awkward. Striking that balance was key. Sometimes that involved simple details like Markus's complete inability to sort out his shirt collar.

Stéphane – We were influenced by the 1960s aesthetic of "Mad Men", which fitted with the direction we were taking. We also claim a barely-concealed homage to Joan, the series' busty secretary, through the formidable Audrey Fleurot who was delighted to oblige.

In a similar way, the film tells the story of a woman over a decade or so. From the joyful and happy period at the start to the return of love at the end, Nathalie goes through some darker periods and in particular a period of grieving. How did you work on Nathalie's physical development?

Stéphane – In the script and the storyboarding, we defined three different phases for Nathalie. And they were the object of meetings with the hair and make-up team and the set designers to plan how we were going to make that happen. Audrey was also very involved with the choice of hairstyles among other things. David, who is obsessed with hairstyles, and I both wanted her to have long hair at the start of the film.

We opted for a high ponytail that you first see in the long opening take and which immediately works as a symbol of youth and insouciance.

David – We didn't want to be too obvious in the way Nathalie moves through the phases of her life. We didn't want to use the easy route of cutting her hair to symbolize the passage of time. Aside from the changes in style over the decades, we felt very strongly that her appearance had to reflect her state of mind. Markus's arrival subtly provokes changes in Nathalie in terms of her clothes and her hairstyle.

The work done in terms of lighting is also very precise. Did you have any specific cinematographic or pictorial references?

Stéphane – We talked a lot with our DP Rémy Chevrin about Michel Gondry's ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF THE SPOTLESS MIND. We particularly liked Gondry's way of approaching faces and playing with natural light. In a similar way, to accompany her physical and psychological evolution, Rémy used different film stock to subtly mark Nathalie's passage from her initial happiness to grief and then gradually to rebirth.

David – We worked very closely with Rémy. Our references weren't always linked to a specific filmmaker but to precise scenes. For example, in terms of recent movies, we were very struck by Xavier Dolan's slow-downs, as well as the nightclub scene from BLACK SWAN where Nathalie Portman lets go. Furthermore, we also spent a lot of time looking at paintings, books on structuralist architecture and Erwin Olaf's photography in particular.

Both your names are on this film. Do you share the various tasks? Who does what?

David – We are extremely complementary. I wrote the story and the screenplay, and I'm fascinated by the technical aspects of framing and editing. I have spent a lot of time these last few years on shoots.

Stéphane – I was very relieved to be working in tandem. There was no question of me making a film on my own, even if I'm more involved in this business than David. He is the author of the book and thus the conscience and the reference in terms of the characters and their psychology. For any slight question in the text, David was able to arbitrate. Because I have worked in casting, I was more disposed to directing the actors.

How did the casting work out?

David – We gave the script to Audrey Tautou to read very early on. It was like a crazy kind of dream – we didn't dare hope, although we were sure she was right for the character.

In what way was Audrey Tautou the character?

David – While I was writing the script, I saw her on stage in Ibsen's *A Doll's House*, and I was overwhelmed by her performance. I was amazed by the power and fragility she gave off at the same time as a comic energy.

Stéphane – I have a particular link to her because I did the casting for Pascale Bailly's *GOD IS GREAT AND I'M NOT* (2001). I already knew her capacity for working in very different registers and her inventiveness, as well as her skill that would mean she remained credible as the woman/child at the start right through to the woman who has been tested by life but for whom life is opening up once more. Audrey was concerned that as the story went on, her character would become dry or unlikable but that was never the case.

Tell us about the male roles. In the novel, you talk about a combination of Pierre Richard and Marlon Brando, but that's to describe Nathalie's husband François, rather than Markus, the coworker who falls in love with her.

David – That's true. For François, we needed someone so charming that he makes you want to spend the rest of your life with him and whose premature death is totally devastating. As for Markus, in the start, we didn't really know who would be able to play this unusual Swede. We did some casting sessions with some Scandinavian actors. Then all of a sudden, François came on the scene.

Stéphane – There was this cloud of faces and every time, his reappeared.

David – Physically, he was perfect for the character, but I was worried he might be a little too extrovert because Markus is shy and discreet. But when we met him, it was a striking. He was Markus.

Stéphane – I'd just cast him in Doillon's JUST ANYBODY in which he has two estate agent scenes that were both comic and scary.

His character has that aspect of childishness that you find in the work of Polish writer Gombrowicz.

David – There's something of the Gogol's characters about him. He reads Cioran. He has that grotesque gentleness of characters in novels from those Eastern Bloc countries that influence me a great deal. Indeed, Audrey Tautou is reading a Goncharov novel in the film.

Stéphane – He is timeless, like in Kaurismäki's films, which we love!

Pio Marmaï plays François, the husband.

David – He is perfect. He has the perfect fragility, sweetness, tenderness and a kind of clumsiness. I wrote the script thinking of him, of his vital strength after having seen him in Rémi Bezançon's THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.

Stéphane – He is handsome AND funny, like both Patrick Dewaere and Pierre Richard at the same time.

And Bruno Todeschini?

Stéphane – He has such comedic power, which is really under-used in my opinion. To play this hunk of a guy who is a bit of a loser, you have to have a real power of detachment, which he understood perfectly. I think a whole lot of people are going to be overwhelmed by his performance.

David – He is a character who suffers, he's a thankless person. To characterize, he's the baddie in the story. But I wanted him to move us too. Bruno captured that strange balance perfectly. We should also mention Mélanie Bernier (Chloé), who I was thinking about right back when I was writing the book. She has a huge capacity for self-mockery. As for Joséphine de Meaux, we wanted to have her whatever the cost, being great fans of the films of Olivier Nakache and Eric Toledano. She plays Sophie, Nathalie's best friend, who is the only character not to appear in the book. I wrote it for her.

The music has its own role in the tone of the film. How did you come to choose Emilie Simon for it?

David – Right from the start I was determined to have this incredibly inventive musician collaborate on the film. She is the singer I most admire and who I dreamed of meeting. As a singer, she is an absolutely perfect fit in the universe of LA DÉLICATESSE. Right from the moment she agreed to do it, she went beyond our hopes. She suggested a lot of songs. Initially, we didn't want that much music but each time she sent us something, it was so right and fitted the images so well

that it was a marriage made in heaven. It's a film by David and Stéphane Foenkinos with music by Emilie Simon!

Stéphane – It was as if she had created a parallel world to the film that was in perfect symbiosis with it.

You dare to include some very lyrical moments especially at the start and the end of the film, as if you are trying to escape reality. Does this freedom of tone seek to blur the boundary between drama and comedy?

Stéphane – We often said we were making a “dramedy”, which expresses the idea of passing from one state to the other much better than the French term, “comédie dramatique”. It's also bittersweet. The tone is very close to that which you find in David's novels. The moments of lyricism – those that there are – stem from a desire driven by moviemaking.

David – It was important to make the film we had in our minds, and that brings with it its own share of risks. Like a way in with a long voiceover. Beyond a simple mixture of comedy and drama, we were also driven to tell a simple story punctuated by moments of madness and flights of fantasy.

The scene with the first kiss is very unexpected, especially as it's the first time we see François Damiens, isn't it?

Stéphane – Sorry to prove you wrong, but Markus appears a few scenes before during his first meeting with Nathalie and her group. We liked the idea of having a hero who appears after 30 minutes of the film have already gone by, and whose face you don't even see in his first scene.

David – The scene with the kiss is surely the pivotal scene of the film. I remember the huge relief during the shoot when I saw that fabulous eye rolling from François Damiens. It must be said that Audrey helped us a lot. We established a special strategy for that day. We did a number of additional shots to push back the kiss. François dropped his guard. And then during one scene, when he wasn't expecting it anymore, Audrey kissed him really passionately. You really feel the sense of surprise in that shot.

The final scene is particularly moving. How did you envisage it?

Stéphane – David had written this quite audacious long take in the screenplay and there were some in the crew who weren't 100% for it. We did a lot of tests and rehearsals. Then, thanks to the set which magnified the garden, shooting with the Steadicam, the skill of the actors and Emilie Simon's music, the choreography made sense and we were able to recreate what we had in mind.

Émilie Simon

Songwriter, composer

“David Foenkinos contacted me last winter. He wanted me to write the music for his film. He wrote me a really lovely letter, which I’ve kept. In parallel, he sent a very touching appeal, a kind of cheeky reference, through an article published in the French daily newspaper Libération. I received two copies of *La Délicatesse*, one a novel and the other a screenplay. I read them conscientiously, one after the other.

I was both moved and a little upset by the common ground between this story and my own life. What David wrote rang very true with what I’d just been through, having lost someone very dear to me. I didn’t say yes right away. I went to the shoot in Paris to meet the actors, the crew and the two filmmakers. I wanted to soak up the mood of the film. After that, I decided to join in the adventure.

I found myself in quite a unique situation, at a crossroads between two universes that were colliding. I had already written certain themes in memory of the person I’d lost, like a kind of secret diary. Of course I composed others, to reflect the images of the Foenkinos brothers, I finalized melodies and arrangements. It was a strange experience – both autobiographical and for a film. Both made to measure to suit the film and also in homage to the man I loved. *La Délicatesse* or “delicacy” is the most suitable term to describe my original ideas. I’ve used that term so many times that now I talk about finesse and subtlety. With a kind of depth but without string instruments. I worked on arrangements for piano, voice, drum and bass; something organic and warm. Also using brass, percussion, keyboard and a few electronic interventions. For the scene in the nightclub for example, the sound had to remain warm.

I wanted to explore the extent of what I had to say on the subject. So much so that certain themes aren’t used in the film but they are there on the album, “Franky Knight”, released on 21 November. I thought long and hard about the way I’d talk about this creation. I think the most appropriate way to describe it is as music where life meets art!”

David Foenkinos

Biography

Born on 28 October 1974. After studying arts at the Sorbonne and jazz at the CIM school of jazz, he attempted to form various music groups but could never find a bass player. He then had his first novel published by Éditions Gallimard: *Inversion de l'Idiotie, de l'Influence de Deux Polonais*, which won the François-Mauriac, prize from the Académie Française. His second novel was *Entre les Oreilles*, and his third, *Le Potentiel Érotique de ma Femme*, won the Roger Nimier prize. In 2003, he was made a beneficiary of the Fondation Hachette. He then went on to publish two other novels, *En Cas de Bonheur* and *Les Cœurs Autonomes*. His sixth novel, *Qui se Souvient de David Foenkinos?* was shortlisted for the Femina and won the Jean Giono jury prize. *Nos Séparations*, which was published in October 2008, is currently being adapted for the screen by Yann Samuell, director of LOVE ME IF YOU DARE. In January 2010 he published *Bernard*, a novella the film rights to which were bought by Mars Films. Then in October 2010, he published *Lennon*, the fictional confessions of John Lennon. His novels have been translated in some 20 countries. In August 2011, he published his tenth tome, *Les Souvenirs*, in the top 5 of the L'Éxpress magazine bestseller list and shortlisted for the Prix Goncourt.

La Délicatesse is the only book published in the 2009 season that was selected for all major French literary prizes (Goncourt, Femina, Renaudot, Médicis and Interallié). It has won ten literary awards in total, and counting editions by Grand Livre du Mois, France Loisirs, and Folio, has enjoyed a print run of 700,000.

In addition to his novels, David Foenkinos has also written stories for graphic novels and co-directed with his brother Stéphane a short film, *UNE HISTOIRE DE PIEDS*, which has won many audience awards and can be viewed on his Facebook page. He has also worked with directors including Jacques Doillon and Cédric Klapisch on a range of screenplay projects.

His first play, *Célibataires*, was met with success in fall 2008 at the Studio des Champs-Élysées, starring Catherine Jacob and Christian Charmetant. It was directed by Anouche Setbon.

He also writes a monthly column for Psychologies magazine as well as Gael magazine in Belgium.

Stéphane Foenkinos

Biography

A former English teacher, Stéphane Foenkinos' career changed course when he met Jacques Doillon who employed him as casting director. Since 1997, he has worked with a raft of names from the world of French-language filmmaking including Jean-Luc Godard, François Ozon, André Téchiné, Claude Chabrol, Coline Serreau, Jeanne Labrune, Valérie Lemercier, Anne Fontaine, Ilan Duran-Cohen, Danièle Thompson, Jean-Paul Salomé, Catherine Corsini, Jacques Fieschi, Laurent Tirard and Florent Siri. He has also worked on a range of international projects with directors including Peter Greenaway, Mike Newell, Martin Campbell, Florian Van Donnersmarck, Terrence Malick, Woody Allen for *MIDNIGHT IN PARIS* and most recently with Robert Zemeckis.

In parallel, he writes sketches for the humorist Sylvie Joly, about whom he wrote a biography published by Flammarion in 2010. For the stage, he co-wrote and directed a musical show inspired by the life of Judy Garland and has, since 2010, been an associate writer at the CDN in Orléans directed by Arthur Nauzyciel. With his older brother David, he embarked upon a scriptwriting partnership under the guidance of Jacques Doillon. In 2005, they made their first short film, *UNE HISTOIRE DE PIEDS*, a love story from the point of view of feet that was selected for many festivals and won many prizes including the audience award at the Nice Festival and the Youth Prize at the Meudon Festival of Humor.

He also co-wrote the second season of the “Vénus et Apollon” series for Franco-German TV channel Arte and “Hard” for Canal+, as well as the upcoming films of Alain Berbérian and Benoît Pétré.

When he is neither casting nor writing, Stéphane Foenkinos exhibits works and was a model for photographer Stéphanie Murat, posing for *55 écrivaines*. The exhibition was shown at the Galerie Dupin in June 2011.

FEATURE LENGTH MOVIE DIRECTION

LA DÉLICATESSE

Co-directed with David Foenkinos,
based on the eponymous novel by David Foenkinos
2011, produced by 2.4.7. Films

SCREENPLAY FOR TELEVISION

HARD

Season two (Cathy Verney/Benoît Pétré)
2011, produced by La Parisienne d'Images / Canal+
VÉNUS ET APOLLON Season two (Pascal Lahmani)
Based on the film by Tonie Marshall,
Directed by Raphaëlle Valbrune
2007, produced by Tabo Tabo & Agat Films / Arte

FEATURE-LENGTH SCREENPLAY

GPD (Benoît Petré)

In preparation - 2011, prod. Les Films du Cap
LONDON PROJECT (Alain Berberian)
In development – 2010, prod. Resfilm/Rezo Films
LE BONHEUR (Sébastien Lifshitz) In development

DOCUMENTARY DIRECTION

AUTOUR DE VICTOIRE

Making of the film VICTOIRE by Stéphanie Murat,
52mn 2005, produced by ADR

SHORT FILM DIRECTION

UNE HISTOIRE DE PIEDS

35mm, color, 13 mins
2005, co-written and co-directed with David Foenkinos
Produced by Dharamsala Films
Selected for the festivals of Nice (audience award); Meudon (Youth Prize); Paris
Tout Court, etc.

THEATER

IMPROBABLES

CDN Orléans, 2011

CEDIPE IS YOUR LOVE

Reading at the Théâtre des 13 Vents - Montpellier, 2010

MESSIE

French adaptation in collaboration with David Foenkinos

Based on the work by Martin Sherman, 2009

FÉTICHES



French adaptation with Charlotte Des Georges
Based on the work by John Patrick Shanley
REBEKABARET, ME AND MY CELLO
Co-written and directed with Rebecca Carrington
Edinburgh Festival 2004, 2005 and 2006
Montreux Festival 2005
UNE ÉTOILE ET MOI, HOMMAGE À JUDY GARLAND
Co-written with Isabelle Georges
Espace Kiron, October 2002 to January 2003
Edinburgh Festival 2005 and world tour
LA CIGALE ET LA JOLY
Texts for Sylvie Joly - La Cigale, 1999-2000

Audrey Tautou

Filmography

- 2011 LA DÉLICATESSE by David and Stéphane Foenkinos
- 2009 BEAUTIFUL LIES by Pierre Salvadori
- 2008 COCO BEFORE CHANEL by Anne Fontaine
- 2007 HUNTING AND GATHERING by Claude Berri
- 2006 PRICELESS by Pierre Salvadori
 - THE DA VINCI CODE by Ron Howard
- 2005 RUSSIAN DOLLS by Cédric Klapisch
- 2004 A VERY LONG ENGAGEMENT by Jean-Pierre Jeunet
- 2003 NOT ON THE LIPS by Alain Resnais
- 2002 DIRTY PRETTY THINGS by Stephen Frears
 - L'AUBERGE ESPAGNOLE by Cédric Klapisch
 - HE LOVES ME... HE LOVES ME NOT by Laetitia Colombani
 - LOST SEAMEN by Claire Devers
- 2001 GOD IS GREAT AND I'M NOT by Pascale Bailly
 - AMÉLIE by Jean-Pierre Jeunet
- 2000 THE LIBERTINE by Gabriel Aghion
 - MARRY ME by Harriet Marin
- 1999 VENUS BEAUTY INSTITUTE by Tonie Marshall
 - PRETTY DEVILS by Serge Meynard

François Damiens

Filmography

- 2011 LA DÉLICATESSE by David and Stéphane Foenkinos
- TORPEDO by Matthieu Donck
- HOLIDAYS BY THE SEA by Pascal Rabate
- BORDERLINE by Alexandre Coffre
- 2010 NOTHING TO DECLARE by Dany Boon
- HEARTBREAKER by Pascal Chaumeil
- 2009 THE WOLBERG FAMILY by Axelle Ropert
- LITTLE NICOLAS by Laurent Tirard
- 2008 ME TWO by Nicolas Charlet and Bruno Lavaine
- JCVD by Mabrouk El Mechri
- SEULS TWO by Eric Judor and Ramzy Bedia
- DADDY COOL by Thomas Sorriaux and François Desagnat
- BEHIND THE WALLS by Christian Faure
- JUST ANYBODY by Jacques Doillon
- 2007 COWBOY by Benoît Mariage
- TAXI 4 by Gérard Krawczyk
- 2006 OSS 117, CAIRO, NEST OF SPIES by Michel Hazavanicius

2.4.7. Films

Filmography

MAINS ARMÉES by Pierre Jolivet

From a screenplay by Pierre Jolivet and Simon Michaël

With Roschdy Zem, Leila Bekhti and Marc Lavoine

In post-production

LA DÉLICATESSE by David and Stéphane Foenkinos

Written by David Foenkinos

Based on the eponymous novel by David Foenkinos

With Audrey Tautou, François Damiens, Bruno Todeschini, Joséphine de Meaux and Mélanie Bernier

French release: 21 December 2011

SIMON WERNER A DISPARU... by Fabrice Gobert

Written by Fabrice Gobert

With Jules Pélicier, Ana Girardot, Arthur Mazet and Serge Riaboukine

French release: 22 September 2010

Festival de Cannes 2010 – Un Certain Regard

Césars 2011 – nomination for Best First Film

PIÈCE MONTÉE by Denys Granier-Deferre

Based on the novel by Blandine Le Callet

With Danielle Darrieux, Jean-Pierre Marielle, Jérémie Renier, Clémence Poésy, Julie Depardieu, Léa Drucker, Julie Gayet and Dominique Lavanant

French release: 10 March 2010

Alpe d'Huez Festival of Comedy Films 2010

PERSEPOLIS by Marjane Satrapi and Vincent Paronnaud

Written by Marjane Satrapi and Vincent Paronnaud

With the voices of Chiara Mastroianni and Catherine Deneuve

French release: 27 June 2007

Festival de Cannes 2007 Jury Prize

Césars 2008 – Best First Film and Best Adaptation

Oscars 2008 – nomination for Best Animation

European Film Awards – nomination for Best Film

Cast

Audrey Tautou	Nathalie
François Damiens	Markus
Bruno Todeschini	Charles
Mélanie Bernier	Chloé
Joséphine de Meaux	Sophie
Pio Marmaï	François
Monique Chaumette	Madeleine
Marc Citti	Pierre
Alexandre Pavloff	Benoît
of the Comédie Française	
Vittoria Scognamiglio	François' mother
Olivier Cruveiller	François' father
Audrey Fleurot	Ingrid, Charles' secretary

With the kind participation of Ariane Ascaride in the role of Nathalie's mother
and Christophe Malavoy in the role of Nathalie's father
Original music and songs Emilie Simon
"Franky Knight" (Emilie Simon), album released by Barclay, a Universal label

Crew

Produced by	2.4.7. Films Xavier Rigault and Marc-Antoine Robert
Directed by	David and Stéphane Foenkinos
Screenplay	David Foenkinos
Adaptation	David Foenkinos based on his novel “La Délicatesse” published by Éditions Gallimard (©2009)
Director of photography	Rémy Chevrin A.F.C.
Editing	Virginie Bruant
Sound	Daniel Sobrino Nicolas Moreau
First assistant director	Luc Bricault
Set designer	Maamar Ech-Cheikh
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Production manager	Philippe Hagège
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