

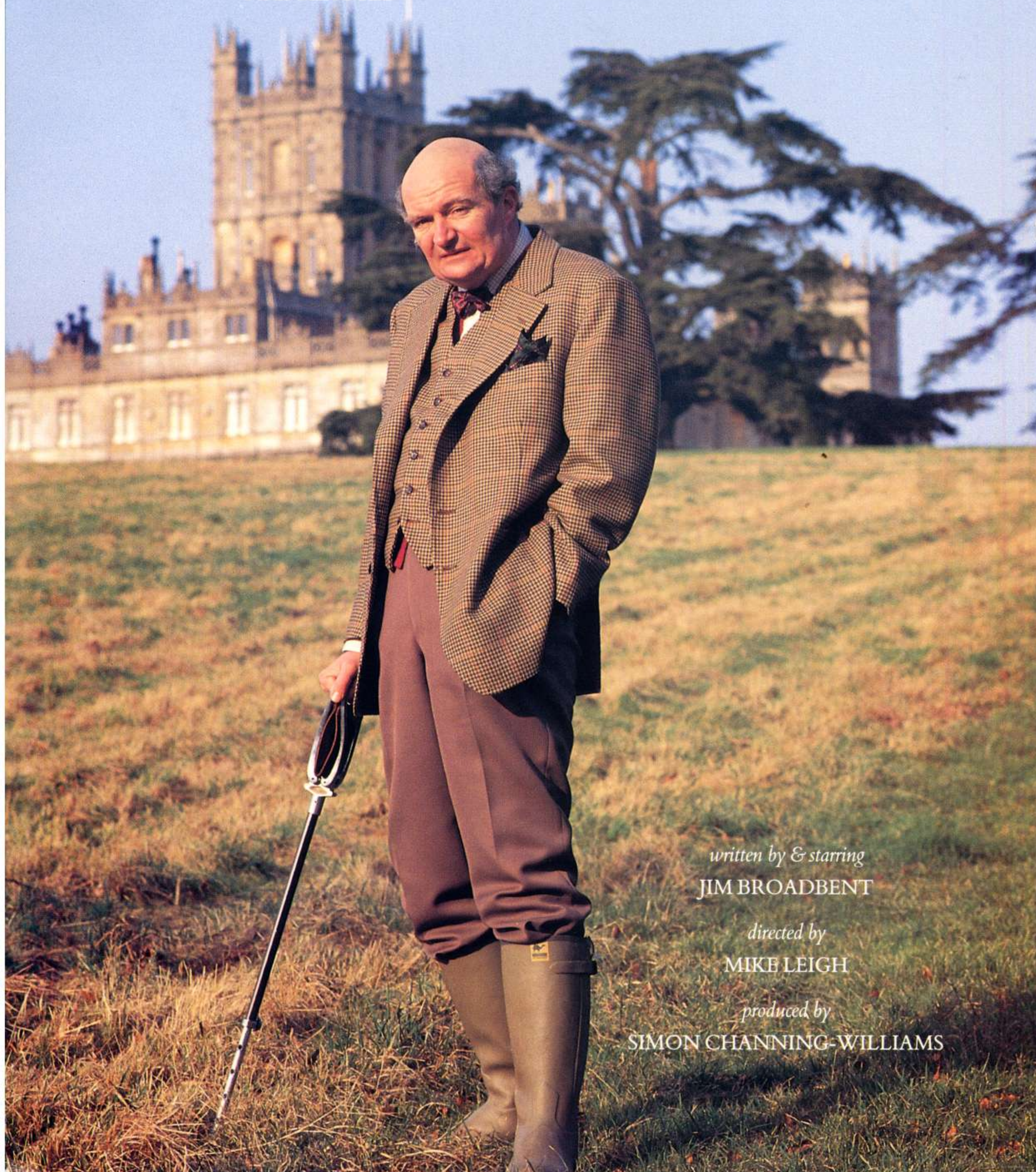
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A SENSE OF HISTORY

COMEDY FILM

1 x 25 MINUTES



written by & starring
JIM BROADBENT

directed by
MIKE LEIGH

produced by
SIMON CHANNING-WILLIAMS

A SENSE OF HISTORY

It is deep winter on an imposing country estate, around which walks the 23rd Earl of Leete, telling us his life story. The Earl fills in some historical background. His ancestors came over with William the Conqueror, and his family have owned the land for generations.



He tells us about his imperfect parents - a handsome, inept, violent father and a beautiful, if stupid mother - and about his dim-witted elder brother. He reports the early realisation that his father's incompetence would lose them the family fortunes, and the frustration at knowing that as the second son he would not inherit the estate, and thus save it from inevitable ruin.

This tragi-comic spoof documentary leads us down an increasingly extraordinary road of personal revelations as, amongst other recollections, the eccentric aristocrat recounts his successful murders of his wife, children and homosexual brother. The film ends with the Earl passionately expressing his deepest feelings about the land, his heritage and all those modern forces and institutions



he regards as the enemy. *A Sense of History* is a tour de force by writer/actor Jim Broadbent, one of Britain's most popular character actors, who, although in his early forties, convincingly plays the part of a man in his late sixties. The film is directed by Mike Leigh, in whose *Life Is Sweet* Broadbent recently starred.



**A THIN MAN FILMS
PRODUCTION FOR
CHANNEL 4 TELEVISION**

written by and starring
JIM BROADBENT

director
MIKE LEIGH

producer
SIMON CHANNING-WILLIAMS

music
CARL DAVIS

director of photography
DICK POPE

production designer
ALISON CHITTY

format
SUPER 16MM COLOUR

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