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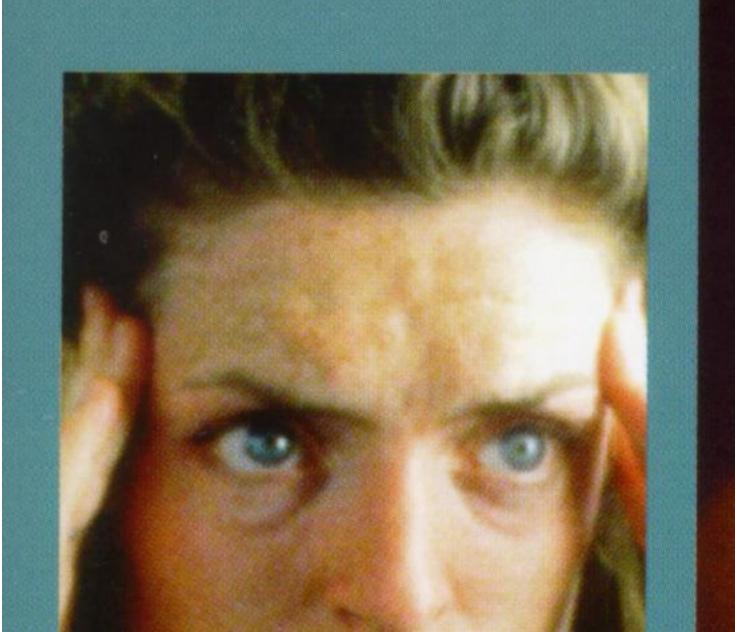
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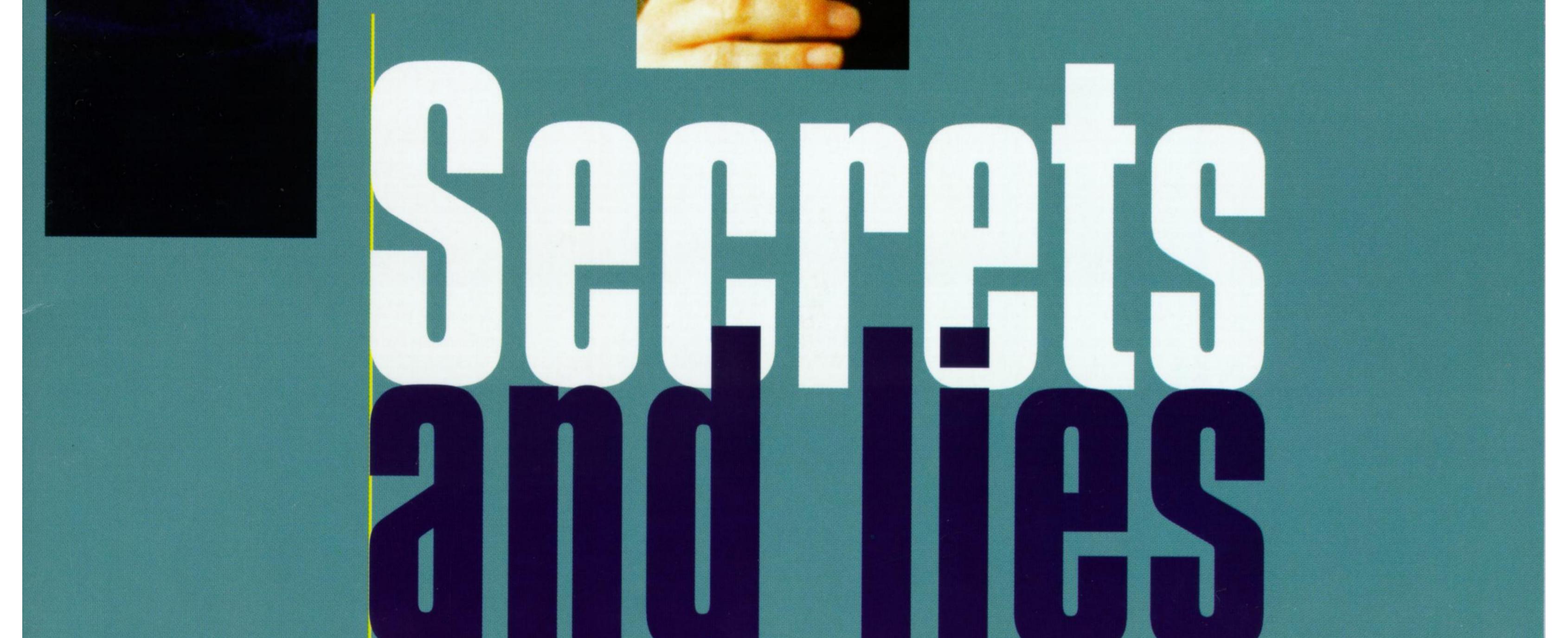


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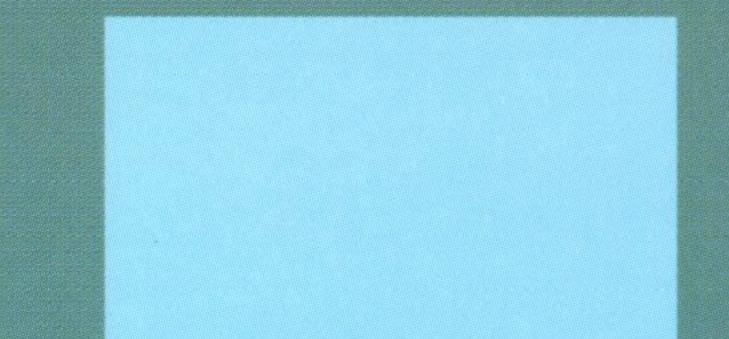
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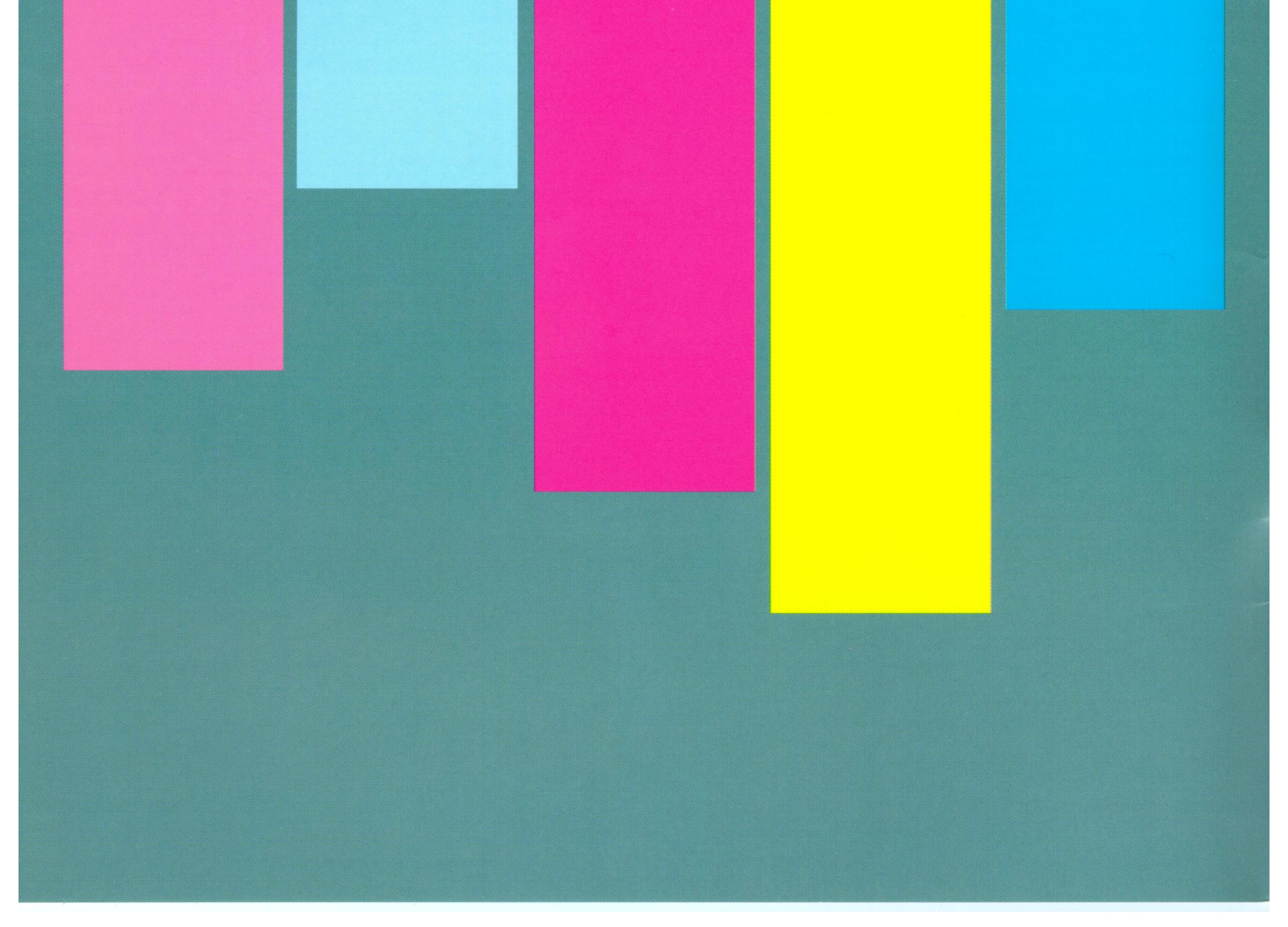




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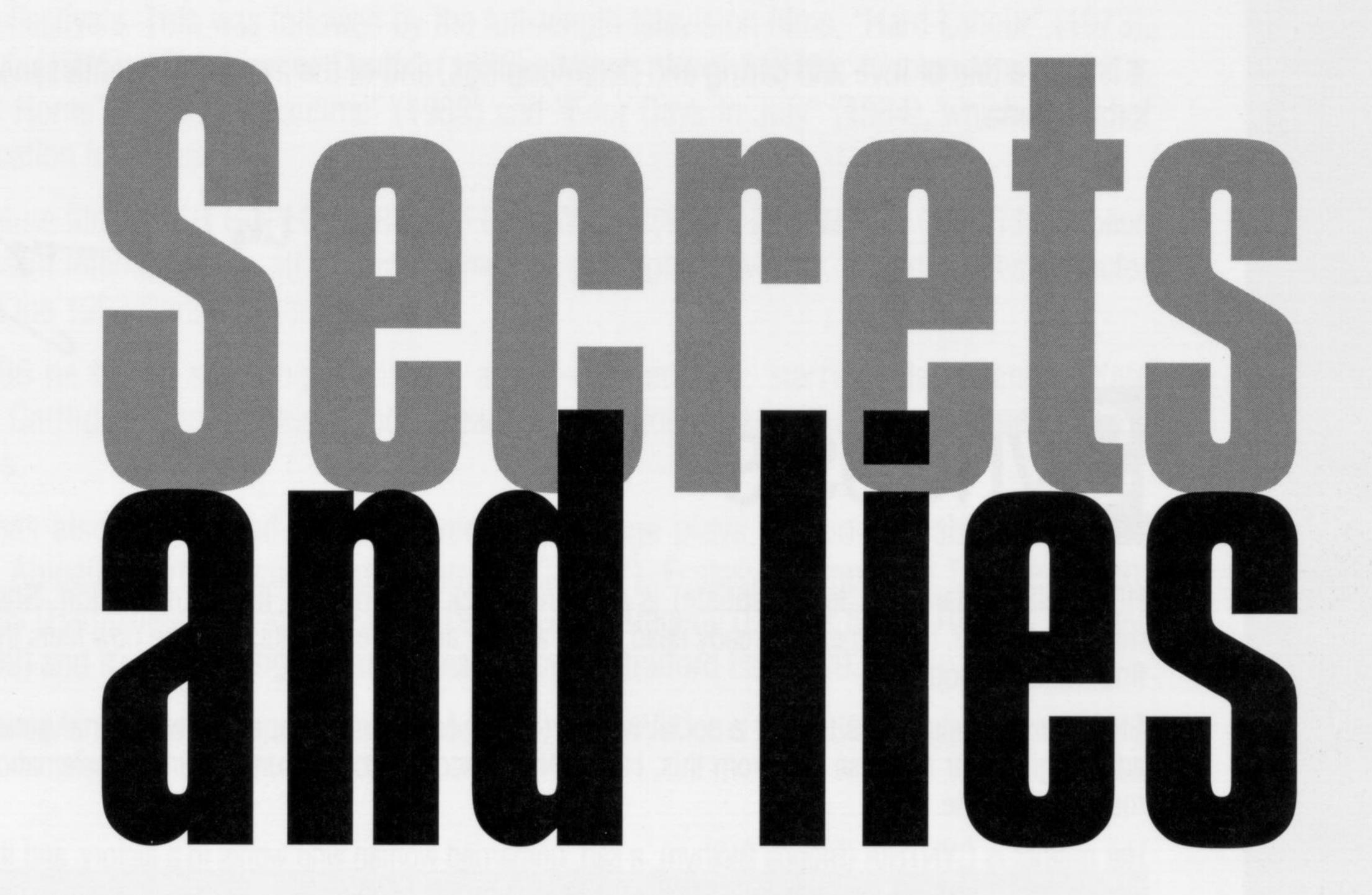
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### 49th Cannes Festival - Official Selection, in competition

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Written and directed by



starring Timothy Spall Brenda Blethyn **Phyllis Logan** Marianne Jean-Baptiste **Claire Rushbrook** 

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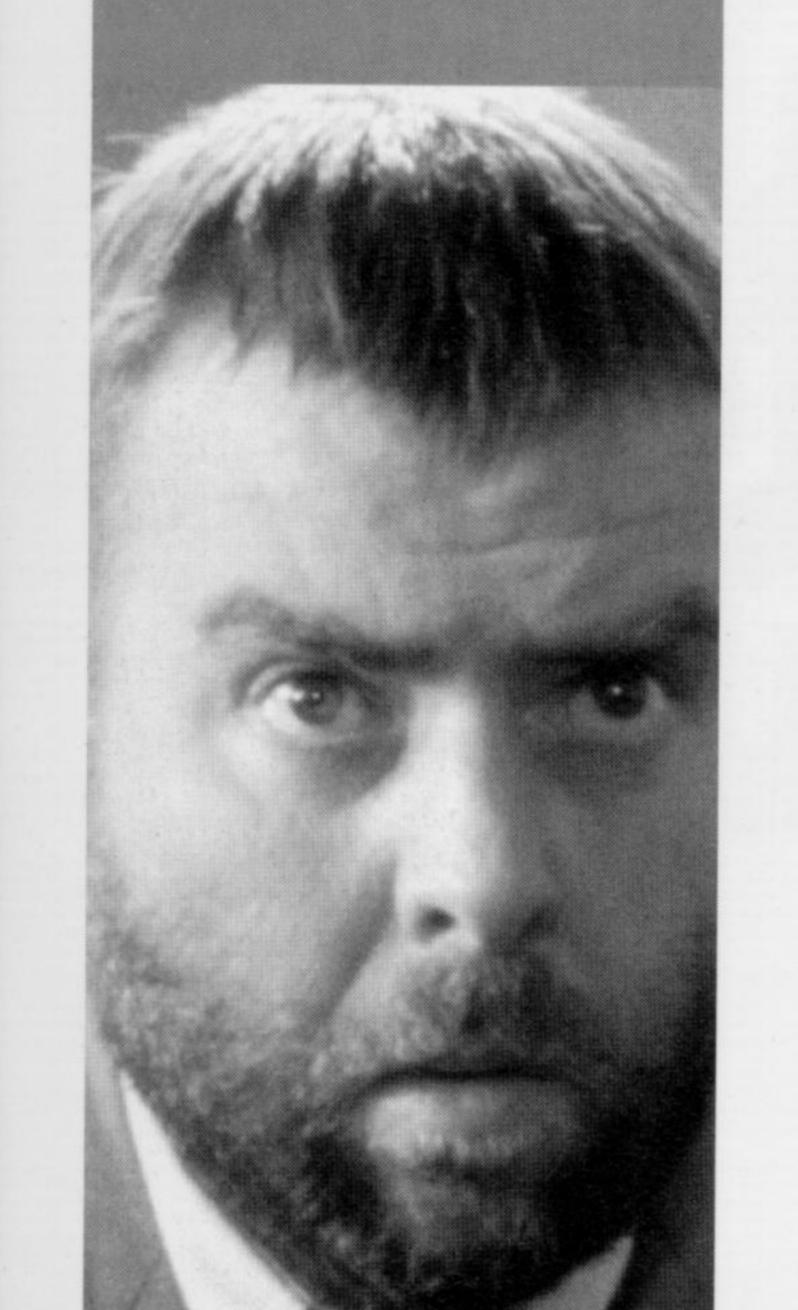
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# Director's Statement

"SECRET & LIES" is about roots and identity, the ever-changing images we all have of ourselves and each other, and our compulsive need to reaffirm constantly who and what we are, and where we come from.

It is also a tale of love and caring and deep longings, and of the awesome relentlessness of the passage of time.

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# Synopsis

HORTENSE (Marianne Jean-Baptiste) is a young black optometrist, living in London. She weeps at her mother's funeral. Her father is already dead. They are her adoptive parents, and she now feels the need to try to find her birth mother.

She receives instructions to visit a social worker (Lesley Manville), who, along with some general sympathetic advice, gives her her case file. From this, HORTENSE discovers to her surprise and consternation that her birth mother was white.

Her mother is CYNTHIA (Brenda Blethyn), a sad, unmarried woman who works in a factory, and lives in a shabby terrace house with her daughter ROXANNE (Claire Rushbrook), a council road sweeper. They do not get on.

CYNTHIA's surroundings contrast sharply with those of MAURICE (Timothy Spall), her younger brother, a successful suburban portrait and wedding photographer. His modern house boasts beautiful interior decoration, the work of his childless wife, MONICA (Phyllis Logan).

CYNTHIA and MAURICE's mother having died when they were children, CYNTHIA effectively brought MAURICE

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Whilst ROXANNE shares with her quiet, scaffolder boyfriend PAUL (Lee Ross), how mystified she is by the sudden half-sibling somewhere, and over the dark secret of MONICA's infertility.

MAURICE and MONICA are also much affected by the surprise visit by the previous owner of their business,

STUART (Ron Cook), who has returned from his failed emigration to Australia in a advanced state of alcoholic ner-

change in her mother, MAURICE and MONICA anguish over whether CYNTHIA has ever told ROXANNE she has a

back to CYNTHIA, and she realises that HORTENSE is indeed her elder daughter. The two women now start to meet and go out, and what begins in a fraught and suspicious way now develops into a warm, loving motherdaughter relationship.

to meet her a few days later in Central London. The meeting takes place. However, on seeing that HORTENSE is black, CYNTHIA insists that there has been a mis-

take. Only when HORTENSE has persuaded her to go to a cafe does a long-suppressed memory come flooding

Meanwhile, having gone to some lengths to track CYNTHIA down, HORTENSE plucks up the courage to 'phone her. On eventually realising who the caller is, CYNTHIA is deeply distressed; but, after some hesitation, she agrees

up. They have not seen or spoken to each other for some time, and they miss each other. MAURICE feels guilty about his neglect, CYNTHIA resentful. No love is lost between CYNTHIA and MONICA. MAURICE visits CYNTHIA, who becomes very emotional. He announces that he and MONICA intend to throw a small barbecue party for ROXANNE's 21st birthday.

### to his niece.

When CYNTHIA now 'phones MAURICE to ask is she can bring a friend from work to the barbecue, he agrees, albeit apprehensively. When he tells MONICA, she is equally circumspect.

HORTENSE is reluctant to come to the party, but CYNTHIA persuades her. She duly arrives, and nobody knows who she really is. In a traumatic moment CYNTHIA reveals the truth, and all hell breaks loose. Most Upset of all is ROXANNE, whose birthday party is thrown into total disarray.

But out of the ensuing chaos come truths and revelations, and, although some serious questions remain for the time being unanswered, calm, understanding and forgiveness prevail.

And everybody is much changed for the better.

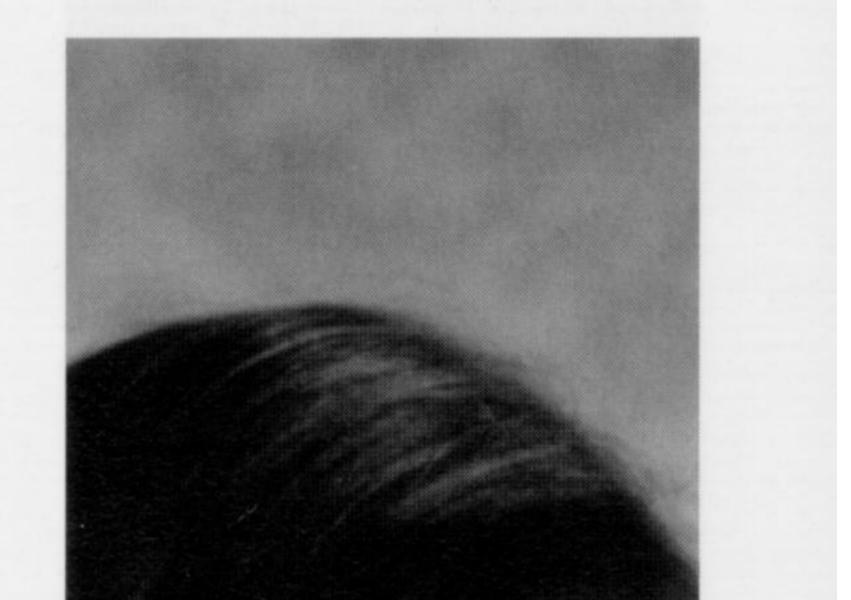
vous breakdown.



Mike Leigh, writer and film director, was born in 1943 in Salford, Lancashire. He trained at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, at Camberwell, and Central Arts Schools at the London Film School.

His first feature film was BLEAK MOMENTS (1971), which won the Grands Prix at Chicago and Locarno Film Festivals. This was followed by the full-length television films, "Hard Labour" (1973), "Nuts in May" (1975), "The Kiss of Death" (1976), "Who's Who" (1978), "Grown-Ups" (1980), "Home Sweet Home" (1982), "Meantime" (1983) and "Four Days in July" (1984), which was shot entirely on location in Belfast.

His recent feature films HIGH HOPES (1988), LIFE IS SWEET (1990) and NAKED (1992) have been highly successful internationally, all winning numerous prestigious awards, including Best Director for "Naked" at the 1993 Cannes Film Festival.



In March 1996 he began shooting his latest, as-yet-untitled film, starring Mark Benton, Kate Byers, Katrin Cartlidge, Andy Serkis, Lynda Steadman and Joe Tucker. Shooting wrapped shortly before Cannes.

Mike Leigh has also written and directed over twenty stage plays, including Babies Grow Old (RSC, 1974), Abigail's Party (Hampstead Theatre/BBC 1977), Ecstasy (Hampstead Theatre, 1979), Goose-Pimples (Hampstead/Garrick Theatres, 1981), Greek Tragedy (Belvoir Street Theatre, Sydney, Australie, 1989) and It's a Great Big Shame (Theatre Royal, Stratford East, 1993).

He formed Thin Man Films with producer Simon Channing-Williams in 1989. He was awarded the OBE in 1993.

Filmography						
1971	BLEAK MOMENTS	115'	1	1988	HIGH HOPES	110'
	Chicago 1972 Grand Prix (Golden Hugo)	)			Venice 1988 Critic's prize	
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Chicago 1972 Grand Prix (Golden Leopard)

1973	HARD LABOUR	80'
1975	THE BIRTH OF THE GOALIE OF THE 2001	
	F.A. CUP FINAL	5'
	OLD CHUMS	5'
	PROBATION	5'
	AFTERNOON	5'
	A LIGHT SNACK	5'
	THE PERMISSIVE SOCIETY	30'
	NUTS IN MAY	80'
1976	KNOCK FOR KNOCK	30'
	THE KISS OF DEATH	80'
1977	ABIGAIL'S PARTY	104'
1978	WHO'S WHO	80'

Sellers Best Comedy Award European Film awards 1988 European film of the year : best actress (Ruth Sheen) Best Supporting Actress (Edna Doré) Best Music (Andrew Dickson) LIFE IS SWEET 102' 1991 Europcinema Academia Italiana 1991 Best Film Taormina 1991 Best Film National Film Critics of America 1992 Best Actress (Alison Steadman) - Best Supporting Actress (Jane Horrocks) LA 1992 Film Critics - Best Actress (Jane Horrocks) A SENSE OF HISTORY 28' 1992 Clermont-Ferrand 1993 Best Short Film

1993 NAKED

MONICA can't talk to her husband.

1980	GROWN UPS	80'
1982	HOME SWEET HOME	90'
1983	MEANTIME Berlin 1984 (Forum) People's prize	90'
1984	FOUR DAYS IN JULY	90'
1987	THE SHORT AND CURLIES Cork 1988 Best Short	18'

126' Cannes 1993 - Best Director - Best Actor (David Thewlis) Prix d'interprétation masculine pour David Thewlis, Cannes 1993 New York Film Critics Circle Awards - Best Actor (David Thewlis) London Evening Standard Awards 1994 -Best Actor (David Thewlis) 1995 SECRETS AND LIES 92'

# Brenda Blethyn plays Cynthia

One of the UK's best-known stage and television actresses, Brenda Blethyn appears for only the third time on the big screen in SECRETS AND LIES, following supporting roles in Nic Roeg's THE WITCHES and Robert Redford's A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT, in which she played Brad Pitt's mother.

Currently to be seen with her, SECRET AND LIES co-star Timothy Spall in the hit UK television series "Outside Edge", for which she won Best Comedy Actress in the 1994 British Comedy Awards, Brenda has worked previously with Mike Leigh as the well-intentioned but unwelcome sister in his BBC Television drama "Grown Ups". Other television work includes "The Buddha of Suburbia", in which she played the central character's mother, Christopher Morahan's Emmy Award-winning "The Bullion Boys" and the highly-acclaimed Richard Eyre/lan McEwan production "The Imitation Game".

Following early stage experience with the Bubble Theatre and at the Belgrade Theatre, Coventry, Brenda joined the Royal National Theatre in 1975, and went on to work with many of the UK's most acclaimed theatre directors, including Peter Wood (The Beaux Stratagem, The Provok'd Wife), Peter Hall (Bedroom Farce, Tamburlaine) and Bill Bryden (A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Passion). She also appeared in Maximilian Schell's production of Tales From the Vienna Woods and Alan Ayckbourn's Wildest Dream for The Royal Shakespeare Company Brenda has won numerous awards including the 1991 Theatre World Award for Outstanding New Talent for the Broadway production of Alan Ayckbourn's Absent Friends and Best Supporting Actress in the British Drama Awards for her performance in the West End production of Neil Dunn's Steaming. She was also nominated for an Olivier Award in the UK for Michael Blakemore's Benefactors.





SECRETS AND LIES marks the fourth collaboration between Mike Leigh and Timothy Spall, following the television drama "Home Sweet Home", the stage play Smelling a Rat, and, most memorably, the feature film LIFE IS SWEET.

Spall's performance in the award-winning LIFE IS SWEET, as the over-ambitious restaurant-owner Aubrey, creator of some of the most inedible dishes in cinema history, is still probably the one for which he is best known to international audiences.

SECRETS AND LIES gives the actor his largest screen role to date as Maurice, a gentle photographer who tries to do his best for everyone, but holds dark secrets about his sister's past.

Equally comfortable on stage, television and film, Spall is probably best-known to audiences in his native UK for his performances in two highly acclaimed and popular television series: the current hit "Outside Edge", in which he appears with his SECRETS AND LIES co-star Brenda Blethyn, and one of the major successes of the 1980s "Auf Wiedershen Pet". Other notable television appearances include the series "Frank Stubbs Promotes" and two of the plays in the BBC2 Performance series, "La Nona" and "Roots", both directed by Simon Curtis.

Apart from his work with Mike Leigh, Spall's films have included Bertolucci's THE SHELTERING SKY, in which he played the sinister Eric Lyle, Clint Eastwood's WHITE HUNTER BLACK HEART, Ken Russell's GOTHIC and Franc Roddam's QUADROPHENIA.

On stage he was recently seen at the Royal National Theatre in London as Bottom in Robert Lepage's controversial interpretation of A Midsummer Night's Dream, and has also appeared there in Moliere's Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme and as the Dauphin in Shaw's Saint Joan. In the 1980s he appeared in several productions with the Royal Shakespeare Company, most notably Trevor Nunn's legendary Nicholas Nickleby, in which he played Wackford Squeers.



## her brother.

## hvllis Logan plays Monica

Of the four leading performers in SECRETS AND LIES, Phyllis Logan is the only one to have not previously worked with Mike Leigh, and became acquainted with him when she appeared opposite his wife, Alison Steadman, in the London stage production of the acclaimed American play Marvin's Room.

Phyllis Logan made her film debut in 1983 in the leading role of the lonely Scottish housewife who has an affair with an Italian prisoner-of-war in Michael Radford's ANOTHER TIME ANOTHER PLACE. For her performance in the film she won the BAFTA award for Most Outstanding Newcomer, the Evening Standard Best Actress award, and Best Actress at both the Taormina and Rimini Film Festivals.

Other film roles include Jack Gold's THE CHAIN, Michael Radford's 1984, Harry Hook's THE KITCHEN TOTO, and two projects for Italian director Damiano Damiani: THE INQUIRY and IL SOLE BUIO. Last year she was seen in Peter Capaldi's Oscar-winning short FRANZ KAFKA'S IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE.

Phyllis Logan is probably best-known to British audiences for her role as Lady Jane in the popular long-running television series "Lovejoy", and has also been seen in Michael Radford's "The White Bird Passes" (based, like ANOTHER TIME ANOTHER PLACE on a novel by the Scottish writer Jessie Kesson), and Anthony Page's "Guests of the Emperor" (aka "Silent Cries").

# Marianne Jean-Baptiste

Like most of her co-stars in SECRETS AND LIES, Marianne Jean-Baptiste has worked previously with Mike Leigh - in his most recent play, *It's a Great Big Shame*, at the legendary Theatre Royal Stratford East in London in 1993.



Currently appearing in Congreve's *The Way of the World* at London's Royal National Theatre, Marianne has also appeared with the highly acclaimed Cheek By Jowl company, playing Mariana and Mistress Overdone in *Measure for Measure*.

Other stage work in the UK included *Running Dream*, also at the Theatre Royal Stratford East, *A Working Woman* at the highly-regarded West Yorkshire Playhouse and *Woza Albert* at the Contact Theatre in Manchester.

Multi-talented, Marianne wrote and performed the play Ave Africa with the Double Edge Theatre Company, and has recently recorded a blues album.

# Elisabeth Berrington

SECRETS AND LIES is Elizabeth Berrington's second film with Mike Leigh, following her role as Giselle, the waitress who is raped by the crooked landlord in NAKED. A graduate of the Webber Douglas Academy, Elizabeth has worked extensively in the theatre, most recently with the acclaimed Contact Theatre Company in Jonathan Harvey's *Rupert Street Lonely Hearts Club* at London's Donmar Warehouse and the Criterion Theatre in the West End.



SECRETS AND LIES is Lee Ross's first film since his attention-grabbing supporting role in Phil Davis's i.d. as the toothless simpleton gang member Gumbo. Following Mike Leigh's film, Lee shot Anthony Mingella's forthcoming THE ENGLISH PATIENT in Italy. He has also worked extensively on UK television, and in some of London's most prominent theatres, including the Royal National Theatre and the Royal Court.

## Glaire Rushbrook plays Roxanne

Claire Rushbrook makes her film debut in SECRETS AND LIES, following a succession of prominent stage productions, including Howard Barker's *Hated Nightfall* at London's Royal Court Theatre, and Dominic Dromgoole's or *Raising Fires* at the Bush Theatre. ROXANNE drives her mother crazy.

## Ron Cook Stuart

SECRETS AND LIES marks the first time Ron Cook has worked with Mike Leigh since the writer/director's play *Ecstasy* at London's Hampstead Theatre in 1979. A well-known face on British television, Cook has appeared in leading roles in many major London stage productions in recent years, including *The Machine Wreckers* at the Royal National Theatre, *Glengarry Glen Ross* at the Donmar Warehouse, and *Our Country's Good* and *The Recruiting Officer* at the Royal Court Theatre. He also starred in Brian Friel's *Faith Healer* at the Royal Court, the Abbey Theatre in Dublin, and the Long Wharf Theatre in Connecticut.

# Simon Channing-Williams

Simon Channing-Williams' association with Mike Leigh Began when he worked as Leigh's first assistant director on the 1980 BBC film "Grown Ups". After working with Mike Leigh again as co-producer on the BAFTA nominated short film THE SHORT AND CURLIES and as producer on the feature fim HIGH HOPES they decided to form an ongoing partnership and set up Thin Man Films for this purpose.

Their first project for Thin Man was the feature LIFE IS SWEET, which gained critical honours and won New audiences for Leigh's work internationally. They then collaborated on the 1992 short A SENSE OF HISTORY, named Best Short film at the Clermont-Ferrand Film Festival. Their last project together was multi-award-winning NAKED.

Outside of his relationship with Mike Leigh and Thin Man Films, Simon Channing-Williams has produced several other projects, including PUCCINI for director Tony Palmer, the feature film WHEN THE WHALES CAME and JACK AND SARAH, directed by Tim Sullivan, which was an enormous hit at the UK box-office in 1995.

As Executive Producer, his credits have included the BAFTA nominated LITTLE PIG ROBISON (TVS), directed by Alan Bridges, and the short film THE PAN LOAF, winner of a Silver Hugo at the Chicago Film Festival and Best Short Film at the Cork Film Festival.

# John Gregory

With SECRETS AND LIES, editor John Gregory continues his relationship with Mike Leigh, which began in 1987 with the short film THE SHORT AND CURLIES, and has continued through all of the director's subsequent feature films : HIGH HOPES, LIFE IS SWEET and NAKED as well as the short film A SENSE OF HISTORY.

Gregory, who began work as an editor in 1978 on the popular BBC Television series "A Horseman Riding By", also works regularly with directof Mike Newell, most notably on FOUR WEDDING AND A FUNERAL, as well as on his current project DONNIE BRASCO.

SECRETS AND LIES is the third successive feature film on which Alison Chitty has worked with Mike Leigh. One of the UK's most prolific and experienced designers, Alison was Resident Designer at London's National Theatre, working with Sir Peter Hall, and received an Olivier Nomination for Martine. She has also worked for the Royal Shakespeare Company, and at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, where she designed Sir Harrison Birtwhistle's Gewain. She has also designed operas in Ireland, Sweden and the USA. In London's West End her work included two Sir Peter Hall productions - Orpheus Descending starring Vanessa Redgrave and The Rose Tattoo Starring Julie Walters. As well as the three most recent feature films, she has worked with Mike Leigh on the short film A SENSE OF HISTORY and the stage plays *Ecstasy* and *It's a Great Bit Shame*.

**Production Designer** 

## Alison Chitty

His television work has included frequent collaborations with Les Blair, as well as the enormously popular "The Darling Buds of May" and the prize-winning "Traffik".

### has never met her mother.

## Dick Pope Director of Photography

Dick Pope has worked with Mike Leigh on the award-winning films LIFE IS SWEET and NAKED, and his TV short A SENSE OF HISTORY. His feature film credits include COMING UP ROSES, THE AIR UP THERE, and Philip Ridley's THE REFLECTING SKIN. He also has extensive experience in documentary filmmaking.

# Gast

Maurice	
Monica	
CynthiaBrenda Blethyn	
Roxanne	
Hortense Marianne Jean-Baptiste	
Jane	
Dionne	
Paul	
Social Worker Lesley Manville	
Stuart	
Girl with Scar	
Hortense's Brothers Brian Boyell	
Trevor Laird	

Teenage SonNurseYoung MotherBaby	Lucy Sheen Frances Ruffelle Felix Manley
Potential Husband	
Conjuror	
	Di Sherlock
Triplets	
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Little Boy.	
Men in Suits	
	David Neilson
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Graduate	
Grinning Husband	
Uneasy Woman	
Elderly Lady	
Daughter	
Laughing Man	
Dog	
Cat	



Hortense's Sister in Law	Clare Perkins
Hortense's Nephew	Elias Perkins McCook
Senior Optometrist	June Mitchell
Junior Optician	
Girl in Optician's	
First Bride	
First Bride's Father	Terence Harvey
Second Bride	
Groom	Joe Tucker
Vicar	Richard Syms
Best Man	
Mother in Family Group	Annie Hayes
Grandmother	

Special Guest Appearances

Father in Family Group	Peter Wight
Boxer	
Dog Owner	Alison Steadman
Cat Owner	Liz Smith
Fertil Mother	Sheila Kelley
Little Boy's Mother	Angela Curran

Pin Up Housewife	Linda Beckett
Man in Suits	
Glum Wife	. Wendy Nottingham
Uneasy Man	
Laughing Woman	Ruth Sheen
Fiancé	



Written and Directed by Mike Leigh	
Produced by Simon Channing-Williams	
Photographed by Dick Pope, B.S.C.	
Music	
Edited byJohn Gregory	
Sound Recordist George Richards	
Production Designer Alison Chitty	
Costume Designer Maria Price	

Make-Up Designer	. Stern and Parriss	
Production Designer Production Executive First Assistants		
Directors		
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# Giby 2000

For the last five years, CIBY 2000 has invested in the cinema to fulfill three key roles:

- the production of quality films made by the world's greatest filmmakers (Almodovar, Altman, Bertolucci, Campion, Hogan, Kiarostami, Kusturica, Leigh, Lynch, Moorhouse, Polanski, Wenders)
- the production of ambitious French films (Jugnot, Tavernier, Grandperret, Miller, Boutron, Vigne, Bondy, Kunen)
- the acquisition for distribution in France of films with strong potential ("Don Juan de Marco").

This strategy has secured for CIBY 2000 a respected position in the world cinema: two Palmes d'Or in Cannes, three Oscars in Hollywood and two French Césars.

## **PRINCIPAL PRODUCTIONS**

### La Reine Blanche

Directed by Jean-Loup Hubert, starring Catherine Deneuve and Richard Bohringer

### Une Epoque Formidable

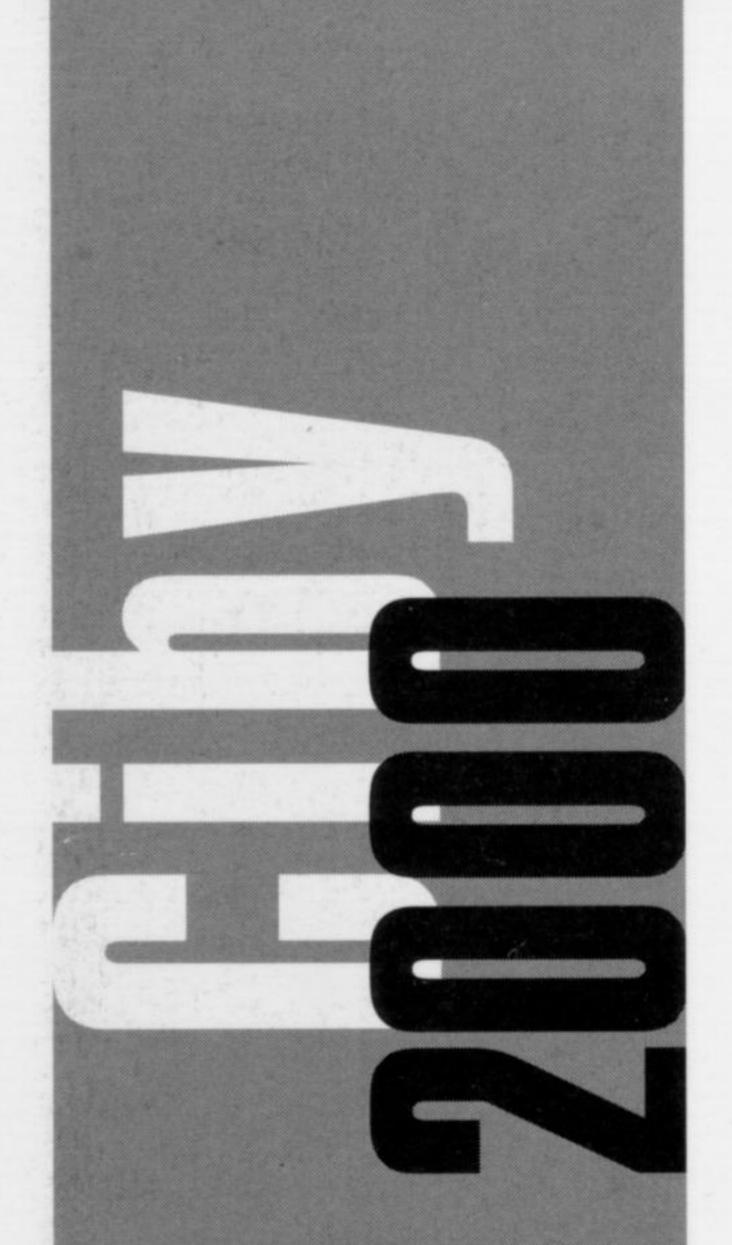
Directed by Gérard Jugnot, starring Victoria Abril,

### Muriel

Directed by P.J. Hogan starring Toni Collette, Bill Hunter

### Au Travers des Oliviers

Directed by Abbas Kiarostami, starring Hossen Rezai



Gérard Jugnot and Richard Bohringer

### Ma Vie est un Enfer

Directed by Josiane Balasko, starring Josiane Balasko and Daniel Auteuil

### Talons Aiguilles

Directed by Pedro Almodovar, starring Victoria Abril, Marisa Peredes, Miguel Bosé

### Twin Peaks

Directed by David Lynch, starring Kyle MacLachlan, Chris Isaak , Sheryl Lee

### • The Piano

Directed by Jane Campion, starring Holly Hunter, Harvey Keitel, Sam Neill, Anna Paquin

### Little Buddha

Directed by Bernardo Bertolucci, starring Keanu Reeves, Chris Isaak, Bridget Fonda

### • Georgia

Directed by Ulu Grosbard, starring Jennifer Jason Leigh, Mare Winningham

### • La Fleur de mon Secret

Directed by Pedro Almodovar, starring Marisa Paredes, Rossy de Palma

### Underground

Directed by Emir Kusturica, starring Miki Manojlovic, Mirjana Jokovic, Lazar Ristousky

### • Le Maître des Eléphants

Directed by Patrick Grandperret starring Jacques Dutronc, Erwan Baynaud

### Kansas City

Directed by Robert Altman, starring Jennifer Jason Leigh, Harry Belafonte, Miranda Richardson

### Secrets and Lies



### • Kika

Directed by Pedro Almodovar, starring Victoria Abril, Véronica Forqué, Peter Coyote

### • La Fille de D'Artagnan

Directed by Bertrand Tavernier, starring Sophie Marceau, Philippe Noiret

### Casque Bleu

Directed by Gérard Jugnot, starring Victoria Abril, Valérie Lemercier, Gérard Jugnot Directed by Mike Leigh, starring Marianne Jean-Baptiste, Brenda Blethyn, Timothy Spall

### Lost Highway

Directed by David Lynch, starring Bill Pullman, Patricia Arquette, Balthazar Getty

### • Fallait Pas !...

Directed by Gérard Jugnot, starring Gérard Jugnot, François Morel, Jean Yanne, Michèle Laroque CIBY 2000 PRÉSENTE

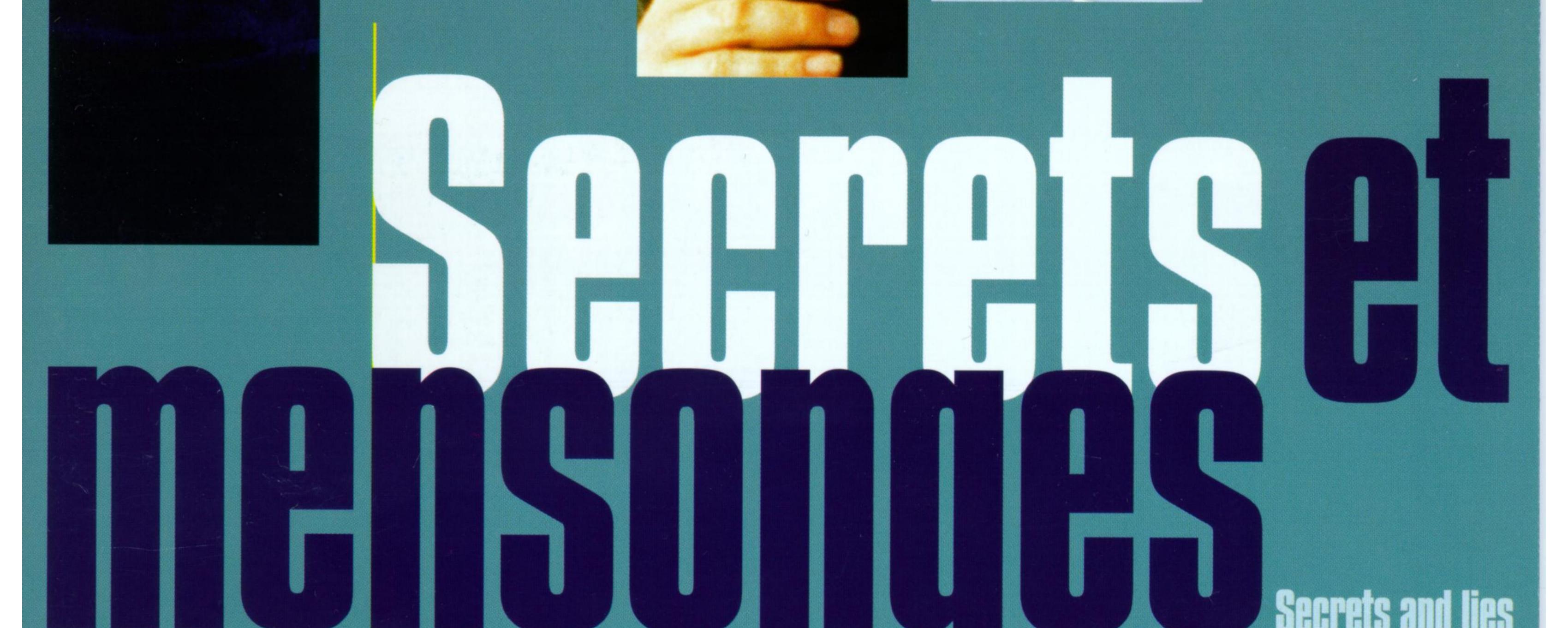


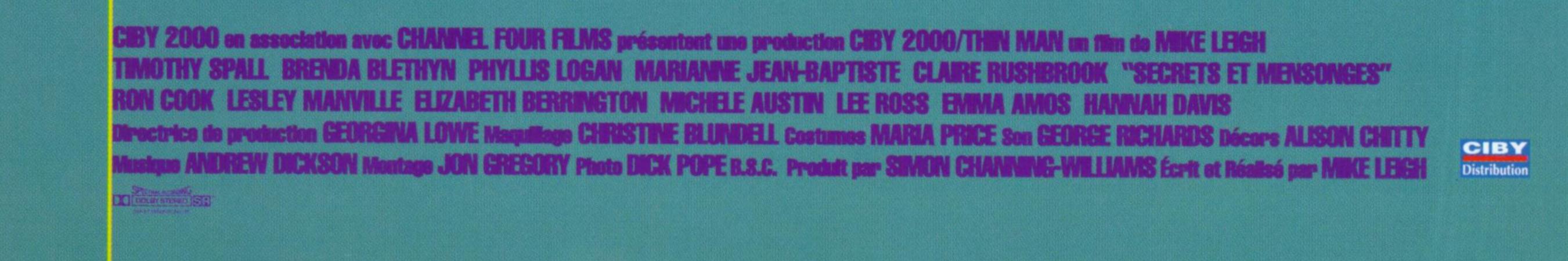
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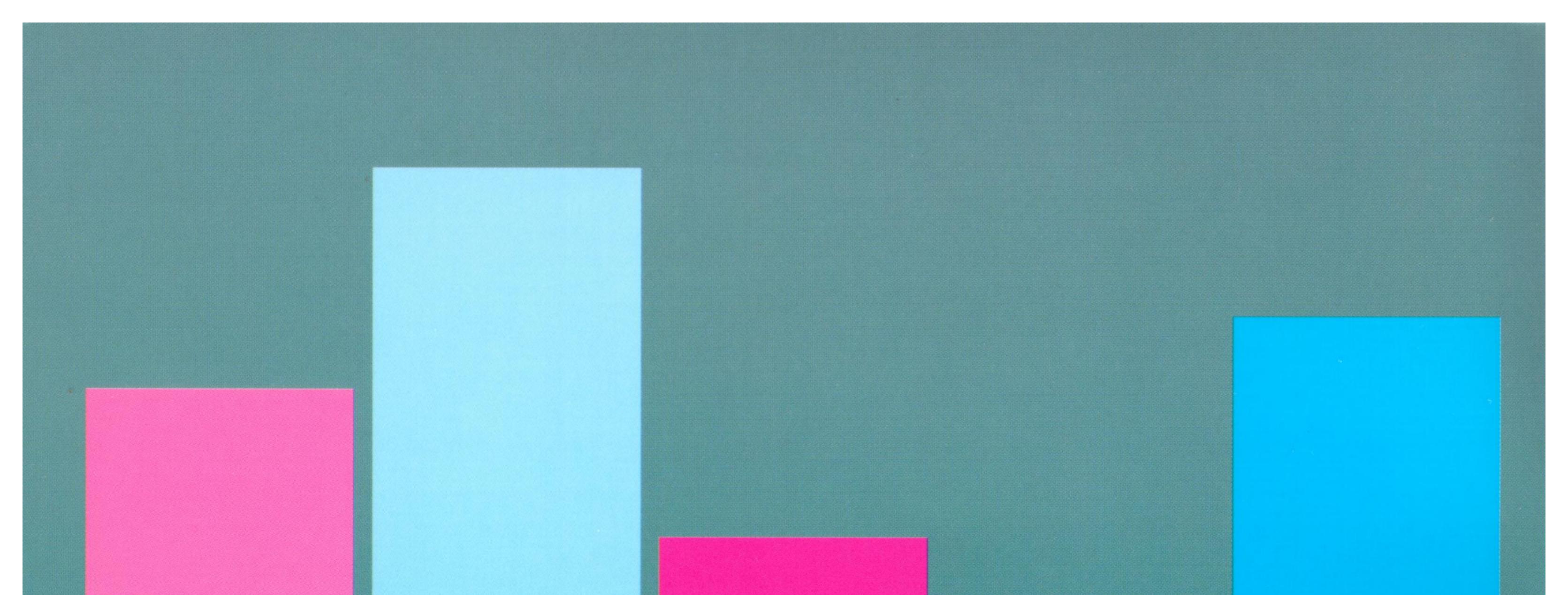
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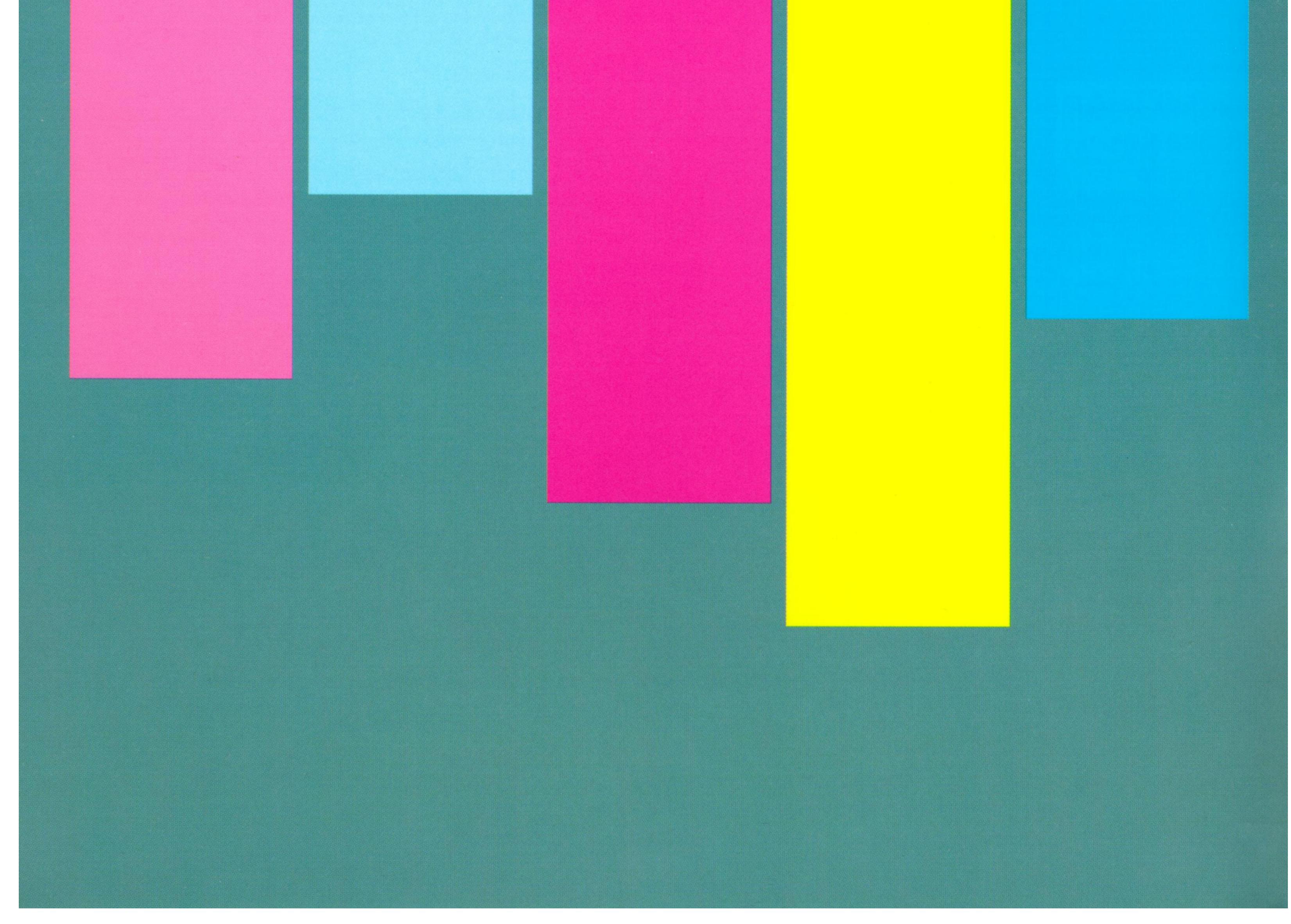


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Ciby 2000, en association avec Channel Four Films présente une production Ciby 2000/Thin Man



## Un film de Mike Leigh

avec Timothy Spall Brenda Blethyn **Phyllis Logan** Marianne Jean-Baptiste **Claire Rushbrook** 

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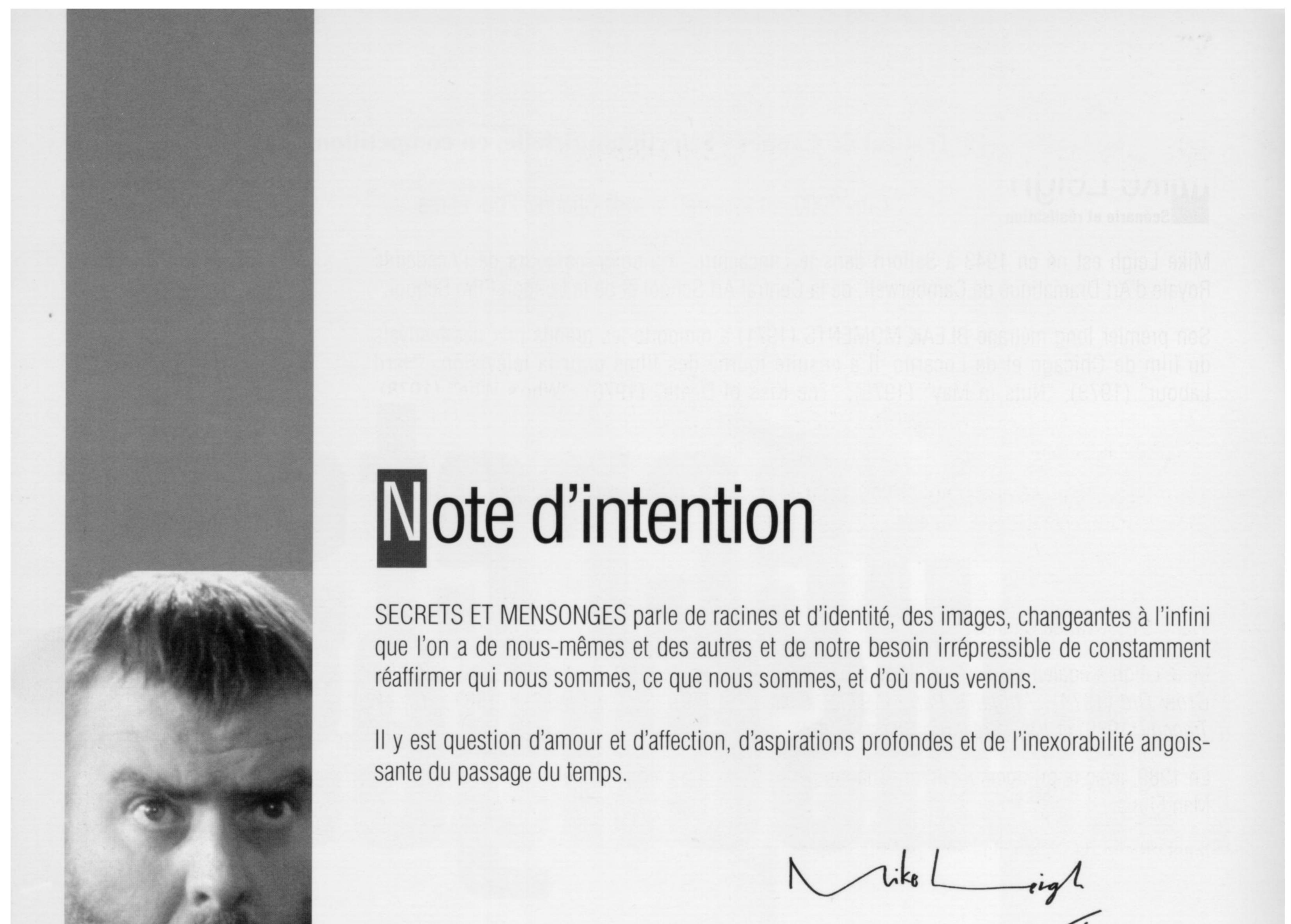
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À la suite du décès de sa mère adoptive, Hortense, jeune femme noire de 27 ans, décide de rechercher sa véritable mère.

## **MAURICE** ne parle pas à sa nièce.

Elle est bouleversée lorsqu'elle découvre que sa mère, Cynthia, est blanche, et qu'elle a une fille de 20 ans, Roxanne, avec laquelle elle vit.

Malgré la panique qui s'empare de Cynthia lorsqu'elle entend cette enfant oubliée depuis longtemps et malgré tout ce qui les sépare, une véritable relation de confiance et d'amour s'instaurera peu à peu entre la mère et la fille.

Il faudra ensuite que Cynthia fasse accepter à Roxanne et à sa famille le fait qu'elle ait une enfant noire...



Mike Leigh est né en 1943 à Salford dans le Lancashire. Il a suivi les cours de l'Académie Royale d'Art Dramatique de Camberwell, de la Central Art School et de la London Film School.

Son premier long métrage BLEAK MOMENTS (1971) a remporté les grands prix des festivals du film de Chicago et de Locarno. Il a ensuite tourné des films pour la télévision, "Hard Labour" (1973), "Nuts in May" (1975), "The Kiss of Death" (1976), "Who's Who" (1978), "Grown-Ups" (1980), "Home Sweet Home" (1982), "Meantime" (1983) et "Four Days in July" (1984), tourné à Belfast.

Ses récents longs métrages HIGH HOPES (1988), LIFE IS SWEET (1990) et NAKED (1992) ont remporté de nombreux prix, dont celui du prix de la mise en scène pour NAKED au Festival de Cannes 1993.



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En mars 1996, il a commencé un nouveau long métrage dont le tournage s'est achevé juste avant le Festival de Cannes.

Mike Leigh a également écrit et dirigé plus de vingt pièces de théâtre, parmi lesquelles *Babies Grow Old* (1974), *Abigail's Party* (1977), *Ecstasy* (1979), *Goose-Pimples* (1981), *Greek Tragedy* (1989) et *It's a Great Big Shame* (1993).

En 1989, avec le producteur Simon Channing-Williams, il a créé la société de production Thin Man Films.

Il est officier de l'Ordre de l'Empire Britannique depuis 1993.

### Filmographie

**BLEAK MOMENTS** 1971 115 Grand prix du Festival du Film de Chicago 1972 Grand prix du Festival du Film de Locarno 1972 HARD LABOUR 1973 80 THE BIRTH OF THE GOALIE OF THE 2001 1975 F.A. CUP FINAL OLD CHUMS PROBATION AFTERNOON A LIGHT SNACK THE PERMISSIVE SOCIETY 30' NUTS IN MAY 80

5'	1982	HOME SWEET HOME	90'	
	1983	MEANTIME Prix du public, Berlin (Forum) 1984	90'	MONICA ne
)'	1984	FOUR DAYS IN JULY	90'	peut pas parl
,	1987	THE SHORT AND CURLIES Meilleur court métrage, Cork 1988	18'	à son mari.
, ,	1988	HIGH HOPES Prix de la critique, Venise 1988	110'	
,	1991	LIFE IS SWEET	102'	
,	1992	A SENSE OF HISTORY	28'	

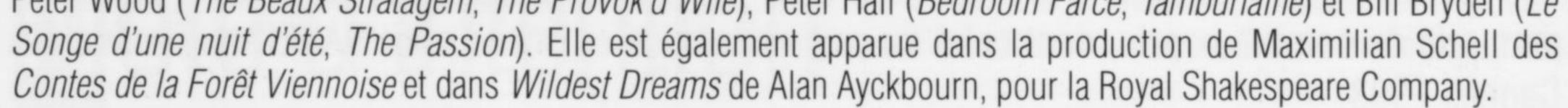
1976	KNOCK FOR KNOCK THE KISS OF DEATH	30' 80'		Meilleur court métrage, Clermont-Ferrand 1993	d
1977	ABIGAIL'S PARTY	104'	1993	NAKED Prix de la mise en scène, Cannes 1993 Prix d'interprétation masculine pour David	26'
1978	WHO'S WHO	80'		Thewlis, Cannes 1993	u
1980	GROWN UPS	80'	1995	SECRETS ET MENSONGES	92'

# Brenda Blethyn

Brenda Blethyn est une comédienne de théâtre et de télévision très connue en Grande-Bretagne. SECRETS ET MENSONGES est son troisième long métrage. Elle avait interprété un rôle secondaire dans THE WITCHES de Nicholas Roeg et elle jouait la mère de Brad Pitt dans ET AU MILIEU COULE UNE RIVIÈRE de Robert Redford.

À la télévision, Brenda Blethyn a remporté le prix de la Meilleure Actrice Comique aux British Comedy Awards de 1994, pour son rôle dans le feuilleton très populaire, "Outside Edge", dont elle partage la vedette avec Timothy Spall. Elle a déjà travaillé avec Mike Leigh sur "Grown Ups" pour la BBC. Elle est également apparue dans "The Buddha of Suburbia", où elle interprétait la mère du personnage principal, dans "The Bullion Boys" de Christopher Morahan et dans "The Imitation Game", une production Richard Eyre/Ian McEwan.

Au théâtre, après avoir travaillé avec le Bubble Theatre et le Belgrade Theatre à Coventry, Brenda Blethyn a rejoint le Royal National Theatre en 1975. Elle a travaillé avec les plus grands metteurs en scène britanniques, parmi lesquels Peter Wood (*The Beaux Stratagem, The Provok'd Wife*), Peter Hall (*Bedroom Farce, Tamburlaine*) et Bill Bryden (*Le* 



Brenda Blethyn a remporté de nombreux prix, parmi lesquels le Theatre World Award du Meilleur Espoir pour la production de *Absent Friends* de Alan Ayckbourn, à Broadway, et le British Drama Award du Meilleur Second Rôle, pour la pièce de Neil Dunn, *Steaming*. Elle a été nominée aux Olivier Awards en Grande-Bretagne pour *Benefactors* de Michael Blakemore.



SECRETS ET MENSONGES est la quatrième collaboration de Mike Leigh et de Timothy Spall. Ils ont travaillé ensemble à la télévision, sur le film, "Home Sweet Home", au théâtre, sur la pièce *Smelling a Rat* et au cinéma, sur LIFE IS SWEET.

Le personnage de Aubrey dans LIFE IS SWEET, restaurateur ambitieux qui invente des recettes parmi les plus indigestes de l'histoire du cinéma, est sans doute le rôle qui l'a fait connaître du public.

En Grande-Bretagne, où il est né, il est apparu dans "Outside Edge", où il partage la vedette avec Brenda Blethyn et "Auf Wiedersehn Pet", deux séries télévisées très populaires à qui il doit sa grande notoriété. On l'a aussi vu dan "Franck Stubbs Promotes" et dans deux épisodes de la série Performance de la BBC, "La Nona" et "Roots", tous deux réalisés par Simon Curtis.

Au cinéma, parallèlement à son travail avec Mike Leigh, Timothy Spall a joué dans UN THE AU SAHARA de Bernardo Bertolucci, CHASSEUR BLANC, CŒUR NOIR de Clint Eastwood, GOTHIC de Ken Russel et QUADROPHE-NIA de Frank Roddam.

Au Royal National Theatre à Londres, il a récemment joué dans la mise en scène controversée de Robert Lepage du Songe d'une nuit d'été, le rôle de Bottom. Il a aussi joué dans *Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme* de Molière et dans *Saint Joan* de Shaw, il était le Dauphin. Dans les années 80, il a joué dans plusieurs productions de la Royal Shakespeare Company, parmi lesquelles le légendaire *Nicholas Nickleby* mis en scène par Trevor Nunn.

## voit jamais son frère.



Des quatre acteurs principaux de SECRETS ET MENSONGES, Phyllis Logan est la seule à n'avoir jamais travaillé avec Mike Leigh. Ils se sont rencontrés quand elle jouait avec Alison Steadman, épouse de Mike Leigh, dans la production londonienne de la pièce américaine *Marvin's Room*.

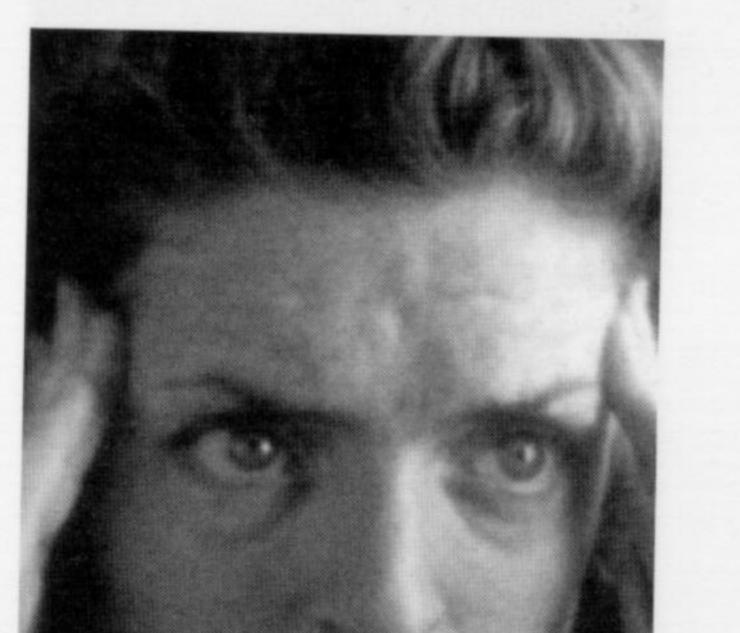
Phyllis Logan a fait ses débuts au cinéma en 1983 dans ANOTHER TIME, ANOTHER PLACE de Michael Radford. Elle y jouait le rôle d'une mère de famille écossaise esseulée amoureuse d'un prisonnier de guerre italien. Elle a obtenu le BAFTA du Meilleur Espoir Féminin, le prix de la Meilleure Actrice du Evening Standard et la prix d'interprétation féminine aux festivals du film de Taormina et de Rimini. On l'a également vue dans THE CHAIN de Jack Gold, 1984 de Michael Radford et THE KITCHEN TOTO de Harry Hook. L'année dernière, elle a joué dans le court métrage de Peter Capaldi, FRANZ KAFKA'S, IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE, qui a obtenu un Oscar.

En Grande-Bretagne, c'est sans doute pour avoir interprété le personnage de Lady Jane dans le feuilleton télévisé très populaire "Lovejoy" qu'elle est la plus célèbre. À la télévision, on l'a aussi vue dans "The White Bird Passes" de Michael Radford (adapté, comme ANOTHER TIME, ANOTHER PLACE, d'un roman de l'écrivain écossais Jessie Kesson) et dans "Guest of the Emperor" de Anthony Page (qui est également connu sous le titre "Silent Cries").

# Marianne Jean-Baptiste

Marianne Jean-Baptiste a déjà travaillé avec Mike Leigh sur sa plus récente pièce de théâtre, *It's a Great Big Shame* au légendaire Theatre Royal Stratford East à Londres, en 1993.

Elle vient de jouer dans *The Way of the World* de Congreve au Royal National Theatre de Londres et elle interprétait les rôles de Marianne et de Madame Overdone dans *Mesure pour Mesure* de Shakespeare, avec la compagnie Cheek By Jowl.



ROXANNE

folle.

rend sa mère

Elle a aussi joué dans *Running Dream* au Theatre Royal Stratford East, dans *A Working Woman* au West Yorkshire Playhouse et dans *Woza Albert* au Contact Theatre de Manchester.

Marianne Jean-Baptiste a écrit et interprété la pièce Ave Africa avec la compagnie de théâtre Double Edge et elle a récemment enregistré un album de blues.



SECRETS ET MENSONGES est le deuxième film qu'Elisabeth Berrington tourne avec Mike Leigh. Elle jouait Giselle, la serveuse violée dans NAKED. Diplômée de la Webber Douglas Academy, Elizabeth Berrington a beaucoup joué au théâtre. On l'a récemment vue dans *Rupert Street Lonely Hearts Club* de Jonathan Harvey avec la Compagnie du Contact Theatre, au Donmar Warehouse à Londres.



SECRETS ET MENSONGES est le premier film que Lee Ross tourne depuis son interprétation magistrale du rôle de l'idiot édenté membre du gang Gumbo dans "i.d." de Phil Davis. Après avoir tourné le film de Mike Leigh, Lee Ross a enchaîné en Italie avec le prochain film de Anthony Mingella THE ENGLISH PATIENT. Lee Ross travaille régulièrement pour la télévision et pour les meilleurs théâtres britanniques, parmi lesquels le Royal National Theatre et le Royal Court.

## Glaire Rushbrook Roxanne

Claire Rushbrook fait ses débuts au cinéma dans SECRETS ET MENSONGES, après avoir joué dans de nombreuses productions théâtrales de tout premier ordre, parmi lesquelles *Hated Nightfall* de Howard Baker au Royal Court Theatre à Londres et *Raisins Fires* dans la production de Dominic Dromgoole au Bush Theatre.



Ron Cook avait déjà travaillé avec Mike Leigh, au théâtre, à Londres, sur la pièce Ecstasy, en 1979. Visage très connu de la télévision britannique, Cook a joué les rôles principaux de nombreuses productions théâtrales de première importance ces dernières années, parmi lesquelles on peut citer *The Machine Wreckers* au Royal National Theatre, *Glengarry Glenn Ross* au Donmar Warehouse, ainsi que *Our Country's Good* et *The Recruiting Officer* au Royal Court Theatre.

# Simon Channing-Williams

L'association de Simon Channing-Williams et de Mike Leigh a commencé en 1980, quand le premier était assistantréalisateur du second sur "Grown Ups", un film pour la BBC. Après avoir été co-producteur du court métrage THE SHORT AND CURLIES et producteur du long métrage HIGH HOPES, Simon Channing-Williams est devenu le partenaire de Mike Leigh, et tous deux ont créé Thin Man Films en 1989.

Leur premier projet sous la bannière Thin Man a été le long métrage LIFE IS SWEET, très bien accueilli par la critique. Ils ont ensuite produit A SENSE OF HISTORY, un court métrage réalisé en 1992, primé à Clermont-Ferrand, et le long métrage NAKED.

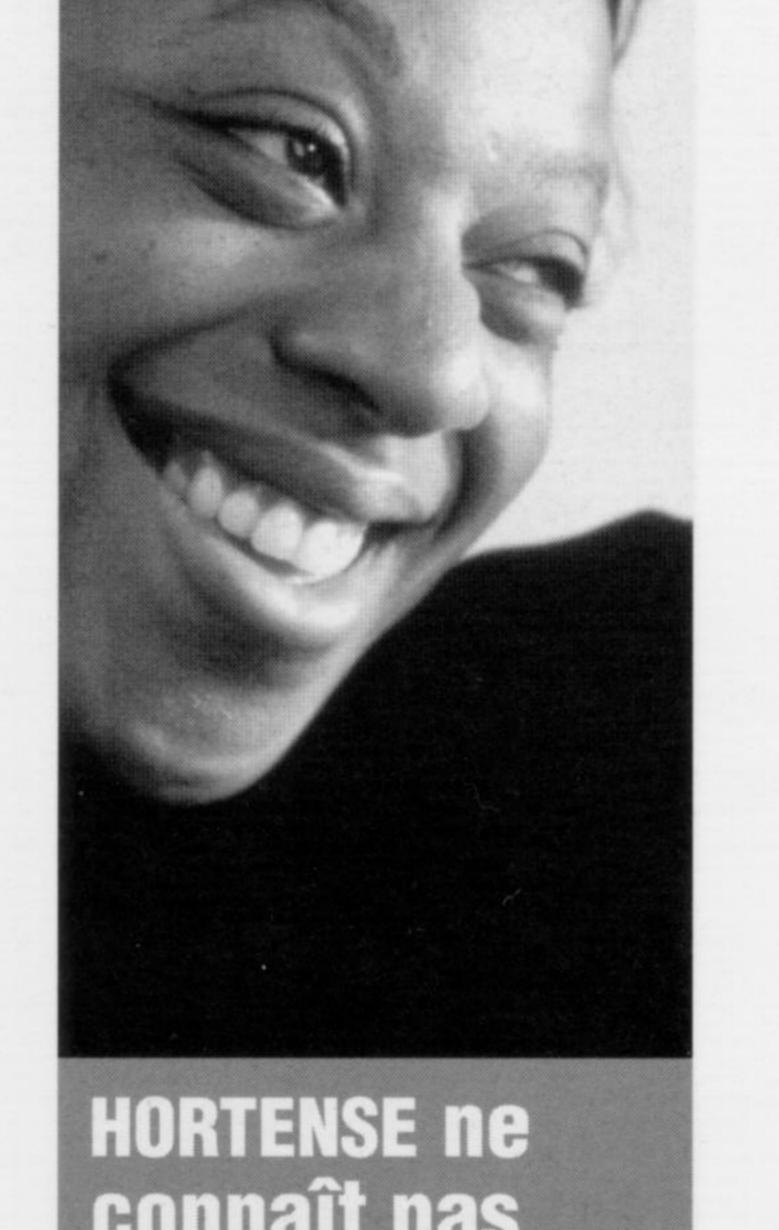
Parallèlement à son travail avec Mike Leigh et Thin Man Films, Simon Channing-Williams a produit plusieurs autres films parmi lesquels PUCCINI de Tony Palmer, WHEN THE WHALES CAME et JACK AND SARAH, énorme succès du box-office britannique en 1995, tous deux réalisés par Tim Sullivan.

En tant que producteur délégué, Simon Channing-Williams a travaillé sur LITTLE PIG ROBINSON (TVS), réalisé par Alan Bridges et nominé aux BAFTA, et sur le court métrage THE PAN LOAF qui a remporté le Hugo d'argent du festival du film de Chicago et le prix du meilleur court métrage du festival du film de Cork.

## John Gregory Montage

Avec SECRETS ET MENSONGES, John Gregory poursuit sa collaboration avec Mike Leigh commencée en 1987 sur THE SHORT AND CURLIES. Depuis il a monté tous les films de Mike Leigh : HIGH HOPES, LIFE IS SWEET, A SENSE OF HISTORY et NAKED.

John Gregory, qui a commencé sa carrière en 1978 avec le feuilleton populaire de la BBC Television, "A Horseman Riding By", collabore régulièrement avec le réalisateur Mike Newell. Il a monté QUATRE MARIAGES ET UN ENTERREMENT et travaillera sur le prochain film du réalisateur : DONNIE BRASCO.



## Alison Chitty Décors

SECRETS ET MENSONGES est le troisième long métrage de Mike Leigh sur lequel Alison Chitty travaille. Elle est l'une des décoratrices les plus recherchées et les plus expérimentées du Royaume-Uni. Décoratrice résidente du London National Theatre sous la direction de Sir Peter Hall, elle a reçu une nomination aux Olivier Awards pour son travail sur *Martine*. Elle a aussi travaillé pour la Royal Shakespeare Company et le Royal Opera House de Covent Garden, pour lequel elle a conçu les décors de *Gewain*, de Sir Harrison Birtwhistle. Elle a conçu des décors d'opéra en Irlande, en Suède et aux États-Unis. Dans le West End, à Londres, elle a travaillé sur deux productions de Peter Hall, *Orpheus Descending* avec Vanessa Redgrave et *La Rose Tatouée* avec Julie Walters. Elle a aussi travaillé avec Mike Leigh sur le court métrage A SENSE OF HISTORY et sur les pièces de théâtre *Ecstasy* et *It's a Great Big Shame*.

## sa mère.



Dick Pope était directeur de la photographie sur les trois derniers films de Mike Leigh : LIFE IS SWEET, A SENSE OF HISTORY et NAKED.

Parmi les autres longs métrages qu'il a tourné, on peut citer COMING UP ROSES, THE AIR UP THERE et THE REFLECTING SKIN.

## Distribution

Maurice	Timothy Spall
Monica	
Cynthia	, ,
Roxanne	-
Hortense	
Jane	
Dionne	0
Paul	
L'assistante sociale	
Stuart	-
La fille à la cicatrice	
Les frères d'Horense	
La hollo cour d'Hortopeo	
La belle-sœur d'Hortense	
Le neveu d'Hortense	
L'optométriste	
La jeune opticienne	
La fille chez l'opticienne	-
La première mariée	
Le père de la première mariée.	-
La seconde mariée	
Le marié	
Le prêtre	
Le témoin	Grant Masters
La mère de famille	Annie Hayes
La grand-mère	

Le fils adolescent L'infirmière	
La jeune mère	Frances Ruffelle
Le bébé	
Le mari potentiel	
Le prestidigitateur	
Les femmes en négligé	-
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Les triplés	
La patit garcon	
Le petit garçon	
	-
La lauréate	
Le mari grimaçant	
La femme mal à l'aise	
La femme âgée	Margery Withers
La fille	Theresa Watson
L'homme qui rit	Gordon Winter
Le fiancé	
Le chien	
Le chat	



Avec la participation exceptionnelle de

Le nère de famille

Peter Wight La mé

la ménanère sevu

Linda Reckett

Le pere de la mille	III
Le boxeur	ld
La propriétaire du chien Alison Steadma	an
La propriétaire du chat Liz Smi	th
La mère fertile	ey
La mère du petit garçon Angela Curra	an

La menagere sexy Linua Beckell	
L'homme en costume Philip Davis	
L'épouse maussade Wendy Nottingham	
L'homme mal à l'aise Anthony O'Donnell	
La femme qui rit	
La fiancée	

# Liste technique

Scénario et réalisation	Mike Leigh
Producteur	Simon Channing-Williams
	Dick Pope, B.S.C.
-	Andrew Dickson
	John Gregory

Maquillage	. Christine Blundeli
Casting	. Stern and Parriss
Producteur délégué	
Directeur de production	-
Premiers assistants	

Son		réalisateurs	Jennie Osborn
Décors	Alison Chitty		Chris Rose
Costumes		Photographe de plateau	

### Une production CIBY 2000/Thin Man, en association avec Channel Four Films.

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# Giby 2000

Depuis 5 ans, Ciby 2000 s'est investie dans le cinéma autour de 3 grands axes :

- la production de films de qualité avec les plus grands réalisateurs au monde (Almodovar, Altman, Bertolucci, Campion, Hogan, Kiarostami, Kusturica, Leigh, Lynch, Moorhouse, Polanski, Wenders),
- la production de films français ambitieux (Jugnot, Tavernier, Grandperret, Miller, Boutron, Vigne, Bondy, Kunen),
- l'acquisition pour la France de films à fort potentiel (Don Juan DEMARCO).

Cette ligne stratégique a permis à Ciby 2000 d'acquérir une place de choix dans le cinéma mondial : 2 Palmes d'Or, 3 Oscars, 2 Césars.

## **PRINCIPALES PRODUCTIONS**

### La Reine Blanche

de Jean-Loup Hubert avec Catherine Deneuve, Richard Bohringer Muriel

de P. J. Hogan avec Toni Collette, Bill Hunter

Au Travers des Oliviers



### Une Epoque Formidable

de Gérard Jugnot avec Victoria Abril, Gérard Jugnot, Richard Bohringer

### • Ma Vie est un Enfer

de Josiane Balasko avec Josiane Balasko, Daniel Auteuil

### Talons Aiguilles

de Pedro Almodovar avec Victoria Abril, Marisa Peredes, Miguel Bosé

### • Twin Peaks

de David Lynch avec Kyle MacLachlan, Chris Isaak, Sheryl Lee

### • La Leçon de Piano

de Jane Campion avec Holly Hunter, Harvey Keitel, Sam Neill, Anna Paquin

### Little Buddha

de Bernardo Bertolucci avec Keanu Reeves, Chris Isaak,

de Abbas Kiarostami avec Hossein Rezai

### • Georgia

d'Ulu Grosbard avec Jennifer Jason Leigh, Mare Winningham

### La Fleur de mon Secret

de Pedro Almodovar avec Marisa Paredes, Rossy de Palma

### Underground

d'Emir Kusturica avec Miki Manojlovic, Mirjana Jokovic, Lazar Ristovski

### • Le Maître des Eléphants

de Patrick Grandperret avec Jacques Dutronc, Erwan Baynaud

### Kansas City

de Robert Altman avec Jennifer Jason Leigh, Harry Belafonte, Miranda Richardson



Bridget Fonda

### • Kika

de Pedro Almodovar avec Victoria Abril, Véronica Forqué, Peter Coyote

### • La Fille de D'Artagnan

de Bertrand Tavernier avec Sophie Marceau, Philippe Noiret

### Casque Bleu

de Gérard Jugnot avec Gérard Jugnot, Victoria Abril

### Secrets and Lies

de Mike Leigh avec Marianne Jean-Baptiste, Brenda Blethyn, Timothy Spall

### Lost Highway

de David Lynch avec Bill Pullman, Patricia Arquette, Balthazar Getty

• Fallait Pas !...

de Gérard Jugnot avec Gérard Jugnot, François Morel, Jean Yanne, Michèle Laroque