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ERNESTO

Salvatore Samperi's delicious, amoral tale about a cunning lad's social and sexual rise-and-rise is being repeated due to audience demand; it's one of our most frequently requested titles. Set in Trieste, in the last years before World War II, *Ernesto* is a subtle, sensual comedy about class and circumstance.

Our restless hero is bored with business school and dreams of being a world famous violinist. He also yearns for something else besides strings, and flirts with a handsome laborer (played by Michele Placido, who won Best Actor Award at the 1979 Berlin Film Festival for this role). But his brief adventure with the laborer is really a ruse for bigger ambitions.

ERNESTO Dir. Salvatore Samperi
(1979) Italy 95 mins. 35mm
Italian language/English subtitles

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