

# "THE SPECTATOR" (LA SPETTATRICE)

## CAST & CREDITS

**A FILM BY** Paolo Franchi

**CAST:** Barбора Bobulova (ALONG THE RIDGE, SACRED HEART, THE PRINCE OF HOMBURG), Anrea Renzi (THE IGNORANT FAIRIES, QUO VADIS, BABY?, THE TIGER AND THE SNOW), Brigitte Catillon (A HEART IN WINTER, ARTEMISIA, MERCI POUR LE CHOCOLAT)

Italy, 2003, 100'  
Italian, colour, 35mm

**GENRE: DRAMA**

## SYNOPSIS

Valeria is a 26-yr-old inhibited and solitary girl. She lives in Turin, Italy, where she works as a simultaneous translator. There are no romantic relationships in her life, but she allows herself one almost ritualistic attachment: that of observing Massimo, a man in his forties who lives in the apartment across the street from her, totally unaware of her. Occasionally, they have a few fleeting encounters and eventually something starts growing between them. When Massimo moves to Rome, Valeria's existence falls apart. On a sudden impulse, she decides to leave Turin and follow him there. In Rome, Valeria soon finds out that Massimo has another woman. Valeria causes an "accidental meeting" with her and a certain immediate sympathy between the two women develops, along with a strange mutual curiosity.

## FESTIVALS & AWARDS

Bergamo Film Meeting 2004  
SILVER ROSA CAMUNA

Montreal World Film Festival 2004  
CINEMAS OF EUROPE

New York Tribeca Film Festival 2004  
IN COMPETITION

Annecy Film Festival 2004

C.I.C.A.E. (*Confédération Internationale des Cinémas d'Art et d'Essay*) AWARD  
BEST ACTRESS: BARBORA BOBULOVA

David di Donatello Awards 2005  
BEST NEW DIRECTOR NOMINATION

Italian National Syndicate of Film Journalists 2005  
SILVER RIBBON FOR THE BEST NEW DIRECTOR

New York Syracuse Int. Film Festival 2005  
BEST FILM

BEST SCREENPLAY  
BEST ACTRESS: BARBORA BOBULOVA

Festival du Film de Villerupt 2004  
FIRST PRIZE



## DISTRIBUTION

Italian theatrical distribution: May 2004



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