



SIERANEVADA

Spring
Season
2017

Release: 2016

Cert (UK): NC

Language: In Romanian with English subtitles.

Runtime: 2 hr 53 mins

Director: Cristi Puiu

Writers: Cristi Puiu

Cinematographer: Barbu Balasoiu

Cast: Mimi Branescu, Judith State, Bogdan Dumitrache



The film starts inside a car, where a couple have trouble parking. We then follow them inside an apartment where pretty well all the rest of the action happens – if action is the word. The discussions between the many guests are carefully and beautifully choreographed to give us the chance to follow each discussion, covering every topic under the sun from the Charlie Ebdon murders (which has

taken place 3 days earlier) to politics to religion to food to... this is a film to feed the mind with thoughts not action. I will leave it to you to work out all the relationships here, and why they are present...

'The film's meaning is opaque. There are so many stories and relationships at play here that, to his credit, you could choose to lean in on any number of versions of Puiu's film. That means we're left a little unsatisfied, with no real sense of clear themes explored and ideas resolved. But the sense of having shared real lives, deeply and meaningfully, is incontestable' – Dave Calhoun, Time Out.

Director Cristi Puiu specialises in 'a particular form of in-the-moment, obscuring realism that asks us to do much of the work' – Calhoun again. We showed 'The Death of Mr Lazarescu' here in 2005, and he has won awards for most of his 6 films. This film had him nominated for the Palme d'Or at Cannes last year.

