



THE TRUTH (La vérité)

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Release: 2019

Cert (UK): PG

Country: France

Language: In French with English subtitles

Runtime: 1 hour 46 mins

Director: Hirokazu Koreeda

Writer: Hirokazu Koreeda

Cinematographer: Eric Gautier

Cast: Catherine Deneuve, Juliette Binoche, Ethan Hawke



The opener at Venice Festival, directed by one of Keswick's favourites Hirokazu Koreeda (*'Koreeda has proved himself to be a master of the slow-build human drama, a conjurer of small details that bed down and take root until his pictures burst into flower like a late cherry blossom'* - Xan Brooks, Guardian) trying out his first film outside Japan. Starring Catherine Deneuve (*'[she] comes heaving through every scene like some formidable gunship, wreathed in cigarette smoke, running on scotch and all but scattering the supporting cast'*) and Juliette Binoche with Ethan Hawke thrown in for good measure.

Deneuve plays Fabienne, an aging diva (good casting there then) who has just written an autobiography called "The Truth", though there appears to be little truth in it that her daughter Lumir can discover. When Fabienne takes on a mother role in a film which also rings bells for Lumir, we have the plot for a disturbed family - just the job for Koreeda!

If Koreeda's 'Shoplifters' was about discarded people coming together to form a family, perhaps 'The Truth' is the opposite, where flesh-and-blood relations have to figure out how to forgive, or at least to understand, each other. Even working in another language and on another continent, he once again captures the intricacies of the human condition' -Alonso Duralde, The Wrap.

