

**Director** Philipp Stölzl

(NORTH FACE, YOUNG GOETHE IN LOVE)

Cinematographer Hagen Bogdanski (THE LIVES OF OTHERS)

Cast Tom Payne (HBO's LUCK)

Sir Ben Kingsley (HUGO, IRON MAN 3) Stellan Skarsgård (MAMMA MIA, THE GIRL

WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO)

Olivier Martinez (UNFAITHFUL, S.W.A.T)

Emma Rigby

**Genre** Action, Adventure, Romance

Language English
Length 150 min

**Produced by** UFA Cinema in co-production with

Degeto Film and Beta Cinema











## THE PHYSICIAN

## **SYNOPSIS**

THE PHYSICIAN tells the story of Rob Cole, a boy who is left a penniless orphan in an 11th-century English mining town when his mother dies of a mysterious illness. Vowing to become a physician and vanquish Death itself, he travels to Isfahan in Persia to study medicine under the great Ibn Sina. Through countless ordeals and challenges, and making many sacrifices along the way, he struggles on unwaveringly. His unflagging quest for knowledge leads to the blossoming of friendship and true love.

## THE DIRECTOR

Philipp Stölzl was born in Munich/Germany in 1967, but has long since become a Berliner. The multitalented director's accomplishments range from feature films to commercials and from music videos to opera productions. He began his creative career as a set designer in a theater. In his late 20s he turned to directing and began to shoot music videos with great international resonance. He worked with such music greats as Mick Jagger, Dave Stewart, Madonna, Luciano Pavarotti, Garbage and Marius Müller Westernhagen.

Stölzl was soon able to establish himself as a director for commercials and spots for BMW, Nokia, Sony and many other companies. For several years now he has been devoting himself to the stage again and, as director and stage designer, has produced classical operas at the Ruhrtriennale, the Salzburg Festival and the Deutsche Oper Berlin, among others. Stölzl's overriding passion lies in his work for the cinema. His highly noted debut film "BABY" (2002) was followed by the much-acclaimed mountain-climbing drama "NORTH FACE" (2008) with which won two German Film Awards, his romantic drama "YOUNG GOETHE IN LOVE" (2010) about the great German poet's turbulent years of apprenticeship and his first English language film ERASED (2012), starring Aaron Eckhart and Olga Kurylenko.



