

Cotta Lise

Last week, we saw Bacchalaureate. It is a film directed by Cristian Mungiu with Maria Dragus and Adrian Titieni. This film came out in January 2016.

This movie stages a Romanian family in her origin country. This family copes with economic problems and it's very complex to live in this country. Maria Dragus interprets the protagonist, Eliza, she is Romeo's daughter. His father is represented as a devoted father. He is a doctor at the hospital but with his wife they know difficulties to live correctly. They live in an apartment in a Romanian city. Eliza is really gifted in high school and even if she has talent, she wants to attain excellence. With her excellent results and if she has her bacchalaureate, she can fulfill her dreams and go to live in another country. It is her unique chance to have a decent life. Her father will do everything to attain this aim and to help her, he will have resort to corruption.

This movie is divided between family's love and problems to live decently. Cristian Mungiu wants to broadcast some messages. It stages one family who represents in reality all Romanian people. It also evokes many problems and the difficulties to live in a country where everything is wrong, where we can't trust anyone.

The scenario is really interesting, Cristian Mungiu adds several elements which can be touching but in reality the movie isn't absorbing. In each scene, we look for one element which can represent a plot but we don't find it. The plot is supposedly about the bacchalaureate obtained by the girl but at the end we don't really know if she has it or not. The director wants to demonstrate a country dominated by abuse of powers, where it's impossible to be familiar with happiness.

Bacchalaureat shows the complex daily life of a corrupted society, social background where excellence is doesn't enough. Can despondency win on the love of parents?

This movie demonstrates that everything is a question of will. The plot is not really excellent and it is what is missing in this film to be really efficient.