

PRINCIPAL PHOTOGRAPHY BEGINS ON RUPERT EVERETT'S DIRECTORIAL DEBUT

THE HAPPY PRINCE

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Principal Photography has commenced on the feature film *THE HAPPY PRINCE* on location in Thurnau, Bavaria Germany. The film tells the story of Oscar Wilde's life in exile, and will also shoot in France, Belgium and Italy.

Rupert Everett (*My Best Friend's Wedding*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*) stars as Oscar Wilde, as well as directing the film from his own script. Joining Rupert in front of the camera is an award-winning cast including, Colin Firth (*The King's Speech*) Edwin Thomas (*Churchill: 100 Days That Saved Britain*), Colin Morgan (*Merlin*), Emily Watson (*Theory of Everything*), Tom Wilkinson (*The Grand Budapest Hotel*), Miranda Richardson (*Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1*), Beatrice Dalle (*Betty Blue*), and John Standing (*The Elephant Man*).

THE HAPPY PRINCE tells the story of the last days of Oscar Wilde. This great man of letters, once one of the most famous authors in England, is now a superstar on the skids. As Oscar lies on his death bed, the past comes flooding back to him, transporting him to other times and places.

The film is produced by maze pictures and Entre Chien et Loup in co-production with Palomar and in association with BBC Films, Beta Cinema, Lionsgate UK, Concorde Filmverleih, Dreamtouch, Raindog Films, Movie Management Corporation, Zielke GmbH, Daryl Prince Productions, Strat et Go International and co-produced by cine plus Filmproduktion, Tele München Group, RTBF (Télévision belge) and Proximus.

The production has received financial support from FilmFernsehFonds Bayern, German Federal Film Fund, German Federal Film Board, Eurimages, Tax Shelter of the Federal Government of Belgium, Wallimage, Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles and the Italian tax credit.

Director of Photography: John Conroy

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