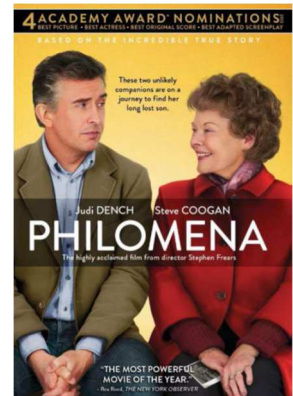


Philomena

Director: Stephen Frears
2013 (95')



Becoming pregnant as a teenager in Ireland in 1952, Philomena Lee was sent to a convent for "fallen women". When her son was just a toddler he was taken from her and given up for adoption. Searching in vain for her lost child, Philomena meets Martin, a journalist, who joins her in the search for the son she lost 50 years earlier.

*"A major theme of this film from Stephen Frears is forgiveness. Ms. Dench's Philomena Lee glows with the radiance of someone serene in her faith despite inhumane treatment by the church."*The New York Times

*"Director Steven Frears deserves special mention. A lesser filmmaker could so easily have turned this project into mushy, sentimental junk. The tear-jerking moments here are heartfelt and real. It's the kind of filmmaking we see too little of today."*Chicago Sun-Times

*"...a terrifically moving film that has a fitting earthbound feel to it as well as a barely suppressed anger at crimes inflicted on the powerless, whether by the Catholic church or an unfeeling modern news media. It also has a sharp wit which stops it being a straight tragedy.... 'Philomena' has important things to say about the role of religion in people's lives even when it's done them great harm, or at least done them little good."*Time Out

Vocabulary and expressions:

To get the sack: To be dismissed from your job; to be fired.

I didn't resign, I got the sack.

To eat humble pie: To admit (with humility) that you were wrong.

Breech birth: When the baby is in the incorrect position during childbirth, i.e., the lower part of the body will come out first.

It's not really your cup of tea, is it?: It's not something that you like or that appeals to you.

Track someone down: To search carefully for someone and eventually find

them.

I'm glad you managed to track me down.

A duffer: A person who is slow to learn.

I knew you were a duffer.

That's grand: That's great.

To trace somebody: To find someone who was lost.

They said they'd try and trace him for me.

To baffle someone: To cause someone to be completely unable to understand or explain something.

It baffles me.

Slàinte: A Gaelic word meaning "health" and used as a drinking toast; used like "cheers".

To foot the bill: To pay for everything

My editor's agreed to foot the bill.

To be as dull as ditchwater: To be very boring.

He's as dull as ditchwater.

A firm handshake: A strong handshake.

He had a firm handshake.

The highest bidder: The person who offers the most money during a sale or auction.

A smart Alec: Someone who tries to appear clever or answer questions in a clever way that annoys other people.

To come round: To change your opinion of something or change your mind, often influenced by another person's opinion.

I'm sure he'll come round.

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