

SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATIONS

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YOUTH **OPENING NIGHT FILM**

ITALY/FRANCE/SWITZERLAND/UNITED KINGDOM | 2015 | 118 MIN

THURSDAY, SEPT 24 | 7 PM | ORIENTAL THEATRE

An early Oscar front-runner, *Youth* combines an amazing cast (Michael Caine, Rachel Weisz, and Harvey Keitel) and director (Paolo Sorrentino, whose *The Great Beauty* was the 2014 Foreign Language Oscar winner and 2013 Milwaukee Film Members-Only screening) for a deeply moving meditation on life and love. Filled with exquisite imagery, the film follows Fred (Caine), a retired longtime composer and conductor, who brings along his daughter (Weisz) and best friend, renowned filmmaker, Mick (Keitel) who is working on his last screenplay, for a brief sojourn in the Swiss Alps. As they reflect on their shared past, the men realize some of the most formative experiences can come later in life. Caine and Keitel give two of their finest performances.

DIR Paolo Sorrentino | *The Great Beauty* (2013), *This Must Be the Place* (2011)
PROD Nicola Giuliano, Francesca Cima, Carlotta Calori SCR Paolo Sorrentino

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DIRECTOR BIOGRAPHY

Paolo Sorrentino is an Italian director and screenwriter. He made his screenwriting debut in 1998 with *The Dust of Naples*. His film *Il Divo* (MFF2009), a dramatized biopic of Giulio

Andreotti, the controversial Italian politician, won the Prix du Jury at the Cannes Film Festival. *This Must Be the Place*, co-written by Umberto Contarello and starring Sean Penn as a retired rock star, marked Sorrentino's English-language debut. His 2013 film *The Great Beauty* (MFF2013 Members-Only Screening) won both the Oscar and Golden Globe for Best Foreign Language Film as well as several other awards and nominations. *Youth* is Sorrentino's second English-language film.