

Mysteries of Lisbon

(Mistérios de Lisboa)

A film by Raúl Ruiz

Portugal-France, 2010, 272 min.

Portuguese and French with English subtitles



UK Premiere at the London Film Festival

UK Release 2011

Mysteries of Lisbon plunges us into a veritable whirlwind of adventures and escapades, coincidences and revelations, sentiments and violent passions, vengeance, love affairs, all wrapped in a rhapsodic voyage that takes us from Portugal to France, Italy, and as far as Brazil. In this Lisbon of intrigue and hidden identities, we encounter a series of characters all somewhat linked to the destiny of Pedro da Silva, orphan in a boarding school. Father Dinis, a descendent of the aristocratic libertines, later becomes a hero who defends justice, a countess maddened by her jealousy and set on her vengeance, a prosperous businessman who had mysteriously made his fortune as a bloodthirsty pirate; these and many more all cross in a story set in the 19th century and all searching for the true identity of our main character.

'[A] breathtaking adaptation of one of the masterworks of Portuguese literature: Camilo Castelo Branco's *Mysteries of Lisbon*...*Mysteries of Lisbon* is the crowning achievement of a great director's career.'

New York Film Festival

'*Mysteries of Lisbon* is an elegant, exquisitely produced jewel of a film that sees Ruiz finding a renewed confidence and voice.'

Toronto International Film Festival

CAST

Adriano Luz - Father Dinis
Maria João Bastos - Ângela de Lima
Ricardo Pereira - Alberto de Magalhães
Clotilde Hesme - Elisa de Montfort
Afonso Pimentel - Pedro da Silva
João Luís Arrais - Pedro da Silva – Child
Albano Jerónimo - Count of Santa Bárbara
João Baptista - D. Pedro da Silva
Martin Loizillon - Sebastião de Melo
Julien Allouette - Benoît de Montfort
Rui Morisson - Marquis of Montezelos
Joana de Verona - Eugénia
Carloto Cotta - D. Álvaro de Albuquerque
Maria João Pinho - Countess of Viso
José Manuel Mendes - Friar Baltasar da Encarnação

Special Appearance:

Léa Seydoux - Blanche de Montfort
Melvil Poupaud - Colonel Ernest Lacroze
Malik Zidi - Viscount of Armagnac
Margarida Vilanova - Marquise of Alfarela
Sofia Aparício - Countess of Penacova
Catarina Wallenstein - Countess of Arosa

CREW

Director: **Raul Ruiz**
Producer: **Paulo Branco**
Screenplay by **Carlos Saboga**
Based on the Homonymous Novel by
Camilo Castelo Branco
Cinematographer: **André Szankowski** (a.i.p)
Music: **Jorge Arriagada** and **Luís Freitas Branco**
Art Direction: **Isabel Branco**
Editing: **Valéria Sarmiento** and **Carlos Madaleno**
Production Manager: **Ana Pinhão Moura**
Sound: **Ricardo Leal**, **Miguel Martins** and **António Lopes**
Production Coordinators: **Julita Santos** and **Anne Mattatia (France)**
Casting Director: **Patrícia Vasconcelos**

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