Les neiges du Kilimandjaro (The Snows of Kilimanjaro)

Robert Guédiguian  
France  
107 min  
2011

Synopsis:

Although he has lost his job, Michel lives happily with Marie-Claire. They’ve been in love for 30 years, are fulfilled as parents and grand-parents, have close friends and are proud of their trade union and political battles. This happiness is shattered along with their French window when two young armed and masked men hit them, tie them up, pull off their wedding rings and make off with their credit cards. Their distress is all the more acute when they find out the attack was organised by a young worker made redundant at the same time as Michel. However, they gradually discover that their attacker, Christophe, only acted out of necessity: he lives alone with his two little brothers and does an admirable job of looking after them, attending to their education and health. Their mother left them to live her own life and they never knew their father. Michel and Marie-Claire thus decide to look after the two little brothers while they wait for Christophe to be released from prison.

Screenplay: Robert Guédiguian, Jean-Louis Milesi  
Cinematography: Pierre Milon  
Editing: Bernard Sasia  
Music: Pascal Mayer
Art direction: Michel Vandestien

Costumes: Juliette Chanaud

Cast: Ariane Ascaride (Marie-Claire), Jean-Pierre Darroussin (Michel), Gérard Meylan (Raoul), Marilène Canto (Denise), Grégoire Leprince-Ringuet (Christophe), Anaïs Demoustier (Flo), Adrien Jolivet (Gilles), Robinson Stévenin (Commissioner), Karole Rocher (Christophe's mother), Julie-Marie Parmentier (Agnès), Pierre Niney (Waiter), Yann Loubatière (Jules), Jean-Baptiste Fonck (Martin), Emilie Piponnier (Maryse), Raphaël Hidrot (Jeannot)

Producer:

Production: Agat Films & Ex Nihilo, France 3 Cinéma

Backing: Canal +, Ciné Cinéma, région Paca, Sofica Cofimage 22, Cinémage 5, La banque postale image 4, Soficinéma 7

Distribution: Diaphana Distribution

Sales agent: Films Distribution

LUX Prize result:
The LUX Prize 2011 was awarded to the French film Les neiges du Kilimandjaro, directed by Robert Guédiguian. It was designated by the MEPs who saw one or more films. As for previous laureates, Parliament paid to subtitle Les neiges du Kilimandjaro into the EU's 23 official languages and for it to be adapted for the visually or hearing impaired. It also funded the production of a 35 mm print for each Member State.


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