



Cinema International

Country : Italy

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Director : Roman Polanski

Producer : Luca Barbareschi

Cinematographer : Pawel Edelman

Editor : Herve De Luze

Music : Alexandre Desplat

Cast : Oliver Masucci , Fanny Ardant, John Cleese

Synopsis : In the middle of a snow-covered valley in Switzerland, The Palace Hotel is an extraordinary castle built at the turn of the 20th century. Every year, it welcomes affluent and spoiled visitors from all over the world to its Gothic and fairytale setting. There have been a plethora of waiters, porters, cooks, and receptionists to take care of their peculiar needs. Before the guests arrive, the hotel's devoted old manager, Hansueli, inspects the staff and emphasizes that it may be the start of a new millennium, but it will not be the end of the world. In reality, a battle over the whims and eccentricities of the hotel's visitors is about to break out. The various tales come together in the new year's eve, to create an absurd and thought-provoking black comedy.



Director's Biography : Roman Polanski, born on 18th August 1933, was a Polish-French film director, producer, writer, and actor. After escaping the Holocaust, he completed his education in Poland and went on to earn praise for his work as a director of both art houses and mainstream movies. *Knife in the Water*, the Polish-produced first-feature film by Polanski, received an Academy Award nomination for Best Foreign Language Film in 1962. Since then, he has been nominated for five additional Oscars, and in 2002, *The Pianist* won him the Best Director Academy Award. Additionally, he has won a Golden Globe, a Palme d'Or, two Baftas, and four Cesar Awards.