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An Education (12A)

Director: Lone Scherfig

Starring: Peter Sarsgaard, Emma Thompson, Carey Mulligan, Alfred Molina  
UK, 2009, 1 hour 40 minutes

Born in Copenhagen in 1959, Lone Scherfig studied film at the University of Copenhagen and the National Film School of Denmark before gaining experience as a writer and director in series TV, radio and theatre. She co-scripted Leif Magnusson's *En verden til foskel* (1989), and shortly thereafter made her own feature debut with *The Birthday Trip* (1990). An award-winning children's film, *On Our Own* (1998) followed, and then the digital Dogme comedy *Italian for Beginners* (2000) brought her both a Berlin Silver Bear award and a massive audience. Her first English language film, the Scottish-set *Wilbur Wants To Kill Himself* (2002), received a FIPRESCI prize and played at Borderlines in 2003.

"I liked the script very much when I first read it. I liked the complexity. It's a simple story about a girl in the spring, but more than that it's about London, about those two generations (baby boomers and their parents), about English teenagers, about the school system and being a young woman at that time, sex, age-gap . . . there's so much to Nick's (Hornby) package and that I really like. The challenge was pitching it right and getting the right combination of something humorous and emotional . . . light without being superficial."

"I just knew that I had to research more and not take anything for granted because the culture is completely different to where I come from. I was helped by a very good English crew, and by the actors . . . Alfred Molina, for instance, knew that place and that era very well. You could see immediately that he was very at home in the house and knew how a man like Jack (the conservative father) would speak and act, what influenced him, what his history was. Part of what I enjoy about filmmaking is that it's such a collaborative process, so I don't mind listening and giving a lot of responsibility to and trusting the people I'm around. Also I've done things in that period before, but not in that country."

Lone Scherfig

**Carey Mulligan is the Winner of the BAFTA for Best Actress 2010**

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