

A Different Evening  
International Film Club at Ahmedabad University  
(In Memory of Prof. Niranjana Bhagat)

Date: July 07, 2022, Thursday.

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Venue: Ahmedabad University Auditorium,  
GICT Building, Near M G Science College.



Name of the Film: The Father

(Based on the play 'Le Père' by French Playwright Florian Zeller)

Date of Release: February 26, 2021.

Director: Florian Zeller (Oscar Winner + Other 16 Awards + 47 Nominations)

Cinematography: Ben Smithard (Primetime Emmy Award + 3 Nominations)

Music: Ludovico Einaudi (3 Awards + 12 Nominations)

Genre: Drama

Duration: 1 Hour 37 Minutes

Awards: (Won 2 Oscars + 35 Other Awards + 157 Nominations)

Also known as: El padre

Actors:

Sir Anthony Hopkins (Won 2 Oscars + 68 Other Awards + 124 Nominations)

Olivia Colman (Won Oscar + 95 Other Awards + 149 Nominations)

Mark Gatiss

Audio Language: English Subtitles: English

Colour: Colour

Aspect Ratio: 16:9 High Definition (720p)

About the film:

Having simply scared off his recent caregiver, Anthony, an ailing, octogenarian Londoner gradually succumbing to dementia, feels abandoned when Anne, his concerned daughter, tells him she's moving to Paris. Confused and upset, against the backdrop of a warped perspective and his rapid mental decline, Anthony is starting to lose his grip on reality. Struggling to navigate the opaque landscape of present and past. As faded memories and glimpses of lucidity trigger sudden mood swings, Anthony's surroundings, and even time itself become distorted.

Usually, the stories dealing with aging and dementia depict it from the points of view of all the others around, including friends, family members, medical personnel. We are seeing what Anthony sees and experiences. His confusion as to where he is and his failure to recognize people he knows. The internalization of loneliness and insecurity, that remain unexpressed within, creates void and confusion of communication for the patient. In an extra ordinary way, the internal feelings come out in a very subtle way as part of the climax of the movie. As Anthony says, the old age makes a person believe as if he is losing a lot of leaves. The director very successfully and in an unprecedented way brings out Anthony's expressions without any melodrama.

Trivia about the Film:

Director Florian Zeller wanted Sir Anthony Hopkins specifically for the part. He sent Hopkins the script in 2017 and waited for a reply. In the meantime, he did not pursue production with any other actors in the lead role. He said if Hopkins had not agreed to the film, then it likely would have been made in French instead. This is the first film ever directed by the French playwright Florian Zeller.

Sir Anthony Hopkins won the Best Actor Academy Award at age 83 for his role in this film which made him the eldest ever winner of an Oscar as an actor. Sir Anthony Hopkins won his second Oscar award as Best Actor for this film in 2021 which is almost thirty years after he had won his first in 1992 for *The Silence of the Lambs* (1991).

Olivia Colman receives her second Oscar nomination, following her win for her role in *The Favourite* (2018). In both films, her character is named Anne. The film stars two Oscar (Academy Award) winners - Sir Anthony Hopkins and Olivia Colman.

Tagline: Whatever happens within your heart, can hardly be communicated by your tongue.