

The Butterfly

(Le Papillon)

A Film by
Philippe Muyl

2002, 35mm, 79 Minutes, Color
in French with English Subtitles



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Synopsis – *The Butterfly (Le Papillon)*

Eight-year-old Elsa and her mother move in next to Julien, an ornery old entomologist with a lavish butterfly collection in his apartment. Her mom is hardly ever home, and Elsa soon grows attached to her neighbor. When Julien sets out on a weeklong hike, Elsa hides herself in his car. Julien begrudgingly allows her to tag along with him on his expedition to the Alps in search of the elusive Isabelle – an exotic butterfly.

Philippe Muyl

After receiving a Bachelors degree in philosophy, Philippe Muyl studied graphic arts in Belgium and Paris. He worked in the advertising world as an artistic director before becoming co-founder of Line Space, a design company, and Synchrony Productions, an audio-visual production company.

Philippe Muyl has made many industrial films and commercials, and in 1976 he directed the short film *The School of the Heads*. His first full-length feature, *The Tree under the Sea*, starring Christophe Malavoy and Julien Guimar, was an official selection at the Berlin Film Festival in 1985. Muyl again focused on the relationships between humans and animals in the 2000 comedy *The Cow and the President*. Muyl's first great success came in 1993 with his adaptation of *Cuisine et Dépendances*, a play by Jean-Pierre Bacri and Agnès Jaoui, followed by the comedy *All Must Disappear* in 1997.

Written and directed by Philippe Muyl
Executive Producer ... Françoise Galfré
Producer...Patrick Godeau
Original Music ...Nicolas Errèra
Cinematography... Nicolas Herdt
Editing... Mireille Leroy

Michel Serrault...Julien
Claire Bouanich ... Elsa
Nade Dieu ...Elsa's Mother
Françoise Michaud ... Waiter
Hélène Hily ...Marguerite, the concierge
Pierre Poirot ...Policeman
Jacky Nercessian ... Policeman
Jacques Bouanich ... The father of Sébastien
Catherine Cyler The mother of Sébastien
Jerry Lucas ... Sébastien
Dominique Marcas ... Grandmother of Sébastien
Idwig Stephane ...Entymologist
Francis Frappat ... Land Surveyor