

About Elly

Darbareye Elly

Iran/2009/35mm/Colour/119'/Persian

Indian
Premiere 

Direction, Screenplay: Asghar Farhadi

Producer: Asghar Farhadi, Mahmoud Razavi

Cinematography: Hossein Jafarian

Editing: Hayedeh Safiyari

Sound: Mohammad-Reza Delpak

Cast: Golshifteh Farahani, Taraneh Alidousti, Mani Haghighi,
Shahab Hosseini Merila Zarei.

Without their prior knowledge, Sepideh invites Elly, her daughter's nursery school teacher, in to the holidaying family, in order to introduce her to Ahmad who had just disentangled himself from an unhappy German marriage. When they gradually realise why Sepideh has invited Elly, the members of the group turns to her and each one in turn lauds her qualities. On the second day, while everything seems to be going well, Elly vanishes. The joyful atmosphere evaporates and harmony breaks down as the friends try to understand how and why she disappeared. Finally Sepideh is blamed for having invited Elly and thus ruining their holiday. The group's opinions of Elly veer from those of the first day, until at last the truth is out.