



Mr. Hulot's Holiday

Les vacances de Monsieur Hulot

France/1953/35mm/ B&W/114'/French

Direction: Jacques Tati

Screenplay: Pierre Aubert, Jacques Lagrange, Henri Marquet, Jacques Tati

Cinematography: Jacques Mercanton, Jean Mousselle

Music: Alain Romans

Cast: Jacques Tati, Louis Perrault, Nathalie Pascaud , Michele Rolla, Raymond Carl, Lucien Fregis, Andre Dubois, Valentine Camax, Louis Perrault.

Awards/Festivals

Cannes Film Festival, Prix Louis Delluc

An extraordinary melange of slapstick comedy and visual poetry, the film paints a portrait of French middle-class life which is both charming and cruel. Monsieur Hulot sets out for his summer holiday at the peaceful seaside resort. No sooner has he arrived, than the nightmare of his fellow holiday-makers begins. Oblivious to the chaos and unrest he causes about him, Hulot makes the most of his holiday – boating, horse-riding and playing tennis. Under the surface of a cheerful satire on French bourgeois, the film appears, on a closer examination, more melancholic more despairing, than comic.

