

A MONTEREY MEDIA PRESENTATION

REUNITING THE RUBINS

DIRECTED BY YOAV FACTOR

STARRING:

TIMOTHY SPALL (*HARRY POTTER SERIES, SWEENEY TODD, KING'S SPEECH*),

BLAKE HARRISON (*THE INBETWEENERS*),

RHONA MITRA (*UNDERWORLD: RISE OF THE LYCANS, THE NUMBER 23*),

JAMES CALLIS (*BRIDGET JONES'S DIARY, BATTLESTAR GALLACTICA*)

HUGH O'CONOR

THEO STEVENSON (*IN BRUGES*)

AND **HONOR BLACKMAN** (*GOLDFINGER*)

Writer: Yoav Factor

Director: Yoav Factor

Executive Producer: Ben White

Producers: Yoav Factor, Jonathan Weissler

co-executive producers: John Kiernan, Stephen Loveday

Director of Photography: Miles Cook

Editor: Anthony Stadler

Production Designer: Byron Broadbent

Original Score: Tim Atack

Casting by: Gaby Kester

Shot on location in London, South Africa and at Elstree Film Studios

Runtime: 99 Minutes

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MPAA RATING: PG

Synopsis

An uptight lawyer, Lenny Rubins, (Timothy Spall – *The King's Speech*), has to put his dream retirement on hold when his ailing mother (Honor Blackman – *Goldfinger*) emotionally blackmails him into reuniting his estranged children for a holiday gathering.

They may be peas from the same pod, but in Lenny's eyes, his grown-up children are certainly not even from the same planet: a ruthless control-freak and hard-nosed capitalist (James Callis – *Battlestar Galactica*), an outspoken, argumentative eco-warrior committed to the cause (Rhona Mitra – *Underworld: Rise of the Lycans*), an outer-worldly Buddhist Monk; and to cap it all, a bible bashing born-again Rabbi!

While they might quarrel, fight, and perhaps even be starting a war in Africa, they are still family. It is going to take a whole lot of soul-searching and sacrifice for everyone to come together in this heart-warming and comic family reunion that will have you thinking fondly of your own.

QUOTES

"A terrific ensemble cast makes *Reuniting The Rubins* a funny, warm, touching film for any season." - Michael Berlin, Sneak Previews

"*Reuniting the Rubins* proves once and for all, that the best antidote to dysfunctional family-relations, is good old-fashioned comedy. A must-see film for anyone who's survived the quintessential family gathering--- and lived to talk about it!"

- Amy R. Handler, Film Threat

"A charming film...uniformly solid, interesting acting by an intriguingly cast ensemble" - Dany Margolies, Executive Editor, Back Stage

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Inspired by American Indie cinema that brought us “ Little Miss Sunshine”, and “About Schmidt” and life-affirming Brit comedy pics such as “The Fully Monty” I set out to make a truly uplifting feel-good movie that balanced the glory of American sentimentality with the sharpness of dry British wit. The result: “Reuniting The Rubins”; a roller-coaster of emotions, from laughter to tears, in tackling the trials and tribulations of family life set against the modern day challenges of living in a hi-tech global village.

Have we entered into a self-focused everyone-for-themselves age where community could be an endangered species unless we're willing to forego an element of our selves for the greater good? Maybe we can not change the world, or even our families, but if we start on ourselves, maybe we can inspire the rest to follow.

CAST BIOS



Timothy Spall

Lenny Rubins

Timothy is one of the UK's best loved actors. He is a multiple BIFA and BAFTA nominated artist, best known for starring in ‘*Auf Wiedersehen Pet*’ and a number of Mike Leigh films, ‘*Life is Sweet*’, ‘*Secrets and Lies*’, ‘*Topsy Turvey*’ and ‘*All or Nothing*’. Tim is known to wider audiences as Pettigrew in the *Harry Potter* series and star of such hit films as ‘*Vanilla Sky*’, ‘*The Last Samurai*’, ‘*Sweeney Todd*’, ‘*Alice in Wonderland*’ and ‘*The King's Speech*’. In 1999 he was named an

Officer of the British Empire.



Blake Harrison

Nick

Blake is best known for playing [Neil Sutherland](#) in the [E4](#) comedy [The Inbetweeners](#) and the box office hit, *The Inbetweeners Movie*. He attended the [BRIT School](#) in 2003 and the [East 15 Acting School](#) in 2007, before appearing in *The Inbetweeners* and two episodes of [The Bill](#) for [ITV](#) as Pete Monks in 2008. He has also appeared in fringe theatre productions, such as *The Accidental Lives of Memories* as well as *Market Boy* and [Richard III](#) while training.



Rhona Mitra

Andie Rubins

Rhona is an English actress, model and singer. Her first main role came as [Scott Wolf](#)'s illicit love interest on [Party of Five](#), and has since had leading roles in many well known roles across both TV and feature films. Rhona is best known for her roles in *The Number*

23, *Stolen* and *Underworld: Rise of the Lycans*. Mitra appeared as the live action model for [Lara Croft](#), the lead character in [Eidos Interactive's Tomb Raider](#) video game series before [Angelina Jolie](#) took the role for the two Tomb Raider films. Mitra's TV credits include the final season of [The Practice](#) as [Tara Wilson](#), [Boston Legal](#) and [Nip/Tuck](#).



James Callis

Danny Rubins

James is best known for playing [Dr. Gaius Baltar](#) in the re-imagined [Battlestar Galactica](#) miniseries and television series, and Bridget Jones' best friend in [Bridget Jones's Diary](#) and [Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason](#). He joined the cast of the TV Series [Eureka](#), on Syfy, in 2010.



Honor Blackman

Gran Rubins

Honor is most loved for the roles of [Cathy Gale](#) in [The Avengers](#) (1962–64) and [Bond girl Pussy Galore](#) in [Goldfinger](#) (1964). Other film credits include [Quartet](#) (1948) and [So Long at the Fair](#) (1950) with [Dirk Bogarde](#), [A Night to Remember](#) (1958), [Life at the Top](#) (1965) with [Laurence Harvey](#), [The Virgin and the Gypsy](#) (1970), and the Western films [Shalako](#) (1968) with [Sean Connery](#) and [Brigitte Bardot](#) and [Something Big](#) (1971) with [Dean Martin](#). She played the role of [Hera](#) in [Jason and the Argonauts](#) (1963). She also did an overdub for an actress in the same film providing the voice for the character of [Medea](#). More recently, she has had small roles in the films [Bridget Jones's Diary](#) (2001) and [Jack Brown and the Curse of the Crown](#) (also 2001).



Theo Stevenson

Jake Rubins

REUNITING THE RUBINS is Theo's fourth feature film, having recently starred in 'In Bruges', 'Fred Clause' and 'Horrid Henry'. Theo also has a number of theatre credits to his name including 'The Human Comedy' at The Young Vic, Dido, Queen of Carthage at The National Theatre and 'Member of the Wedding' at the Young Vic.



Hugh O'Connor

Yona Rubins

Hugh O'Connor's first film appearance was opposite Liam Neeson in the 1985 movie *Lamb*. His next major film role was in the 1988 film adaptation of Hugh Leonard's Tony-winning play *Da* in which he played the youthful version of Martin Sheen. Hugh then went on to start in Jim Sheridan's *My Left Foot* opposite Daniel Day Lewis. He played the Boy King Louis in the 1993 remake of *The Three Musketeers* and then went on to play the lead role in Ben Ross' dark British comedy *The Young Poisoner's Handbook*. Other film work includes *Chocolat*, *Thirteen*, *ReUniting the Rubins* and most recently *Killing Bono*.

CREW BIOS



Yoav Factor

Director & Producer

Comedy/Drama REUNITING THE RUBINS is the debut feature film of commercials director and BAFTA nominated film producer, Yoav Factor. With a diverse range of commercials for games such as 'X-box - Splinter Cell' and 'Codemasters - Operation Vietnam' to charity campaigns for Cancer Research, and clients such as 'Mars', 'Pringles' and 'Levi's,' Yoav has won numerous accolades. These include four Kodak Commercials Awards and the coveted "special mention" from the Cannes Jury Award panel 2003 for the short film 'Good Night'. In 2009 Yoav was selected by Film London as one of the UK's top emerging film producers and in the next few years is set to fulfil that potential with the release of REUNITING THE RUBINS across the globe and '*Fragmental*' a psychological thriller set to shoot in Spring 2012.

Jonathan Weissler

Producer

At the age of just 35 Jonathan Weissler is a veteran indie UK film producer, an accomplished line producer, and runs commercials/music video production Balagan Productions as well as emerging facilitating production company Elstree Studios Productions.

Miles Cook

Cinematographer

Commercials veteran Miles Cook has shot commercials for clients such as Dolce & Gabbana, Channel No 5, Nike, Gap, Kellogs, working with directors including Tony Scott, Alan Parker, and Ridley Scott. He has been profiled in the magazine "American Cinematographer" for his work on the Sharon Stone film, "Where Sleeping Dogs Lie." (July 1991).

Miles is also a renowned Stills Photographer who has shot [Naomi Campbell](#), Jerry Hall, [Kate Moss](#), [Elizabeth Jagger](#) and [Sharon Stone](#) and has shot music videos for artists including [David Bowie](#), ABC, [Heart](#), [Deacon Blue](#), Steve Earl, and James. Reuniting the Rubins is a rare sorty for Miles back into feature films.

Tim Attack

Composer

Tim's latest feature credits include Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant's film *Cemetery Junction* for Sony Pictures and Ricky's 2009 *The Invention of Lying* for Warners. He has also scored the forthcoming Channel 4 documentary *Graffiti Wars: Banksy vs Rob*, produced by Twofour Broadcast. The hit song 'Kissing You', which he co-wrote and produced with Desree, played an important musical thematic role throughout Baz Luhrmann's cult 1997 movie *Romeo & Juliet* (20th Century Fox). In addition to being a featured song, an instrumental version was also used as music for the famous balcony scene. The film premiered at no. 1 at the US box office and was a huge international hit. The soundtrack album has sold in excess of 5 million copies worldwide and was number 1 in many countries.



PRODUCTION STILLS

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Reuniting The Rubins

Honor Blackman as Gran Rubins

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Timothy Spall as Lenny Rubins

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ABOUT THE COMPANY

monterey media inc., incorporated in 1979, is a privately owned entertainment company. monterey media is actively engaged in all areas of domestic media, including theatrical distribution, film festivals, and other distinctive venues, television, digital delivery and home entertainment markets.

The Company is known for creating unique and distinctive release strategies tailored to each project. By way of example, in 2005, the Company established a joint venture for the creation of a special theatrical event in conjunction with AMC Theatres to launch the motion picture Indigo: A one day, 603 North America venue showing grossed over \$1,190,000 box office. Recently, monterey media films have been nominated for a Golden Globe Award, Independent Spirit Award, and NAACP Image Award. Many of our films have premiered at Sundance, Toronto, Tribeca, and SXSW Film Festivals.

Summer 2011 saw monterey media films on over 100 screens with the acclaimed Monte Hellman Road to Nowhere hailed as "A Certifiable Masterpiece" by Film Comment with it's premiere at the Film Society of Lincoln Center; Small Town Murder Songs which premiered at TIFF; and the New York Times Critics' Pick Harvest. Upcoming, among others, is Famke Janssen's directorial debut Bringing Up Bobby starring Milla Jovovich, Bill Pullman and Marcia Cross, and Guy Maddin's acclaimed Keyhole, premiering at TIFF, Berlin and SXSW starring Jason Patric, Isabella Rossellini and Udo Kier.

In 2010, the Company completed a 50 city release including New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Dallas for the acclaimed Trucker starring Michelle Monaghan, Nathan Fillion and Benjamin Bratt (chosen by Roger Ebert as one of the ten best independent films of 2009). For Endgame, from the 2009 Sundance Film Festival starring Academy Award winner William Hurt, monterey created a theatrical release in 30 cities (even after a PBS airing) garnering a Best Actor Golden Globe nomination for co-star Chiwetel Ejifor. The action/adventure/romance The Red Baron starring Joseph Fiennes and Lena Headey launched in Los Angeles at Mann's Chinese on as well as Phoenix, Detroit, San Diego, Portland, Pittsburgh, Toronto, Jacksonville, Louisville and others, while Lovely, Still starring Academy Award Winners Martin Landau and Ellen Burstyn opened 45 cities including New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Phoenix, Detroit, Philadelphia, Ft. Lauderdale, Denver and San Diego.

The philosophy of doing good while doing well is practically a mantra at monterey media, and in addition to its ritual support of charitable organizations the company has developed a program entitled A Weekend of Unity & Peace. Last year's feature film was Turk Pipkin's One Peace at a Time, with music by Willie Nelson, Bob Dylan and Jack Johnson. www.unityandpeace.org

monterey is known for its creatively coordinated marketing strategies incorporating promotional alliances with such strategic partners as Wal-Mart, Fisher Price, Pepsi Cola, American Express, Amnesty International USA, Make-A-Wish Foundation of America, Children's Cancer Research Fund, Patagonia, Body Glove, KIDS FIRST!, Days Inns, Habitat for Humanity, Greenpeace, the International Motorcycle Shows and Healthy World Healthy Child and Air Pacific.

monterey video & Emerging Technologies

The monterey video division is the 2nd oldest independent video manufacturer and distributor in the United States and incorporates distribution to all digital markets. monterey is well known for its broad marketing and its direct relationships with key retail, mail-order and internet sites, schools and libraries, and specialty markets. The versatile monterey video library encompasses unique feature films and documentaries with the Company having been awarded numerous Multi-Platinum RIAA and ITA sales Awards; prestigious Independent films starring such distinguished actors as Susan Sarandon, John Ritter, Tommy Lee Jones, William Hurt, Forest Whitaker, David Strathairn, Brian Dennehy, Robin Williams, Danny Glover, among many others; celebrated sports programming including Bruce Brown Films On Any Sunday and The Endless Summer; the most prestigious educational yet entertaining library of films adapted from literature's renowned authors combined with acclaimed performances from many of Hollywood's greatest actors; and note-worthy children's programming. In addition, monterey has the honor of being the first video market licensee of the American Film Institute.

