



Heartland Film Society

presents

I've loved you so long (2008)

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd April 2010



Philippe Claudel directs this grown-up study of a family struggling with its past but it is Kristin Scott-Thomas's performance that dominates and impresses. Her character, Juliette returns to her home town from a long incarceration and stays with her younger sister, Léa (played by Elsa Zylberstein), whilst she tries to get her life back to normal. Léa doesn't know the full story of Juliette's past and the sisters' parents have done their best to maintain their respectability and keep things quiet. But Juliette is less reticent and eventually the full implications of her secret are revealed.

What the critics said: The performance of Kristin Scott-Thomas has given this film overwhelmingly positive reviews and the Rotten Tomatoes website gave it a 90% freshness rating.

"A top-of-the-range family melodrama sparingly told and austere framed, Claudel's tale of guilt, grief and redemption will have viewers thinking deep and weeping long."

Jonathon Romney, Screen International

"Scott Thomas's performance, easily the best of her career, countermands any such qualms: the centre of a deeply involving, beautifully acted and expertly constructed human drama by and for grown-ups."

Peter Bradshaw, The Guardian

The film won BAFTAs for best film not in the English language and Kristin Scott-Thomas won for best leading actress, as she did for a host of other awards.

Length and certificate: 115 minutes, 12A **Language:** French

Coming next month... May 6th and 7th The Visitor

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