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Film: Lost In Translation
Director: Sofia Coppola



Sofia Coppola: "For everyone, there are those moments when you have great days with someone you wouldn't expect to. Then you have to go back to your real lives, but it makes an impression on you. It's what makes it so great and enjoyable."



Trivia / Fun Facts:

- The movie was inspired by the time Coppola stayed in Japan in her early and mid-20s.
- Having written Bob Harris with Bill Murray specifically in mind, Coppola was determined to find him or not make the movie at all.
- Filming only took 27 days, mainly because of low budget.
- That thing Bill whispers to Scarlett in the ending was never intended to be anything. Sofia
 Coppola was going to figure out later what to say and add it in. However, she ended up not
 adding anything at all, saying, "It's between lovers so I'll leave it at that."
- Scarlett was 17 years old when filming was made, and 18 when it was released.
- Filming had to be done in secrecy at certain locations because the production was unable to secure permission to shoot there.
- Bill Murray did a lot of improvising in his scenes.
- Johansson was reportedly nervous about appearing in her underpants during the opening shot, so to ease her down, Sofia Coppola did the first take herself while wearing the same underpants.



Video material:

Sofia Coppola winning Best Original Screenplay	<u>Oscars</u>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Skit7AZtuw4
Sofia Coppola @ The Academy Awards 2004	Hollywood Archive	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0sQ2guu2qA
Scarlett Johansson Talks Making "Lost in Translation" With Bill Murray	Howard Stern	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m28BgapAicw
Sofia Coppola interview on "Lost in Translation" (2003)	Manufacturing Intellect	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nsf7cMjPa2l
Sofia Coppola Wins Best Screenplay - Golden Globes 2004	AwardsShowN etwork	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68dC5XCEkL0
Sofia Coppola on casting Bill Murray in LOST IN TRANSLATION	American Film Institute	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aSK1h3Zxx-Y

Interviews:

Interview with "Lost in Translation" Star Bill Murray	liveabout	https://www.liveabout.com/bill-murray-on-lost-in-translation-2419436
'Lost In Translation,' 15 Years Later: Sofia Coppola on Ending the Film on Her Terms and the Year It Took to Cast Bill Murray	Indiewire	https://www.indiewire.com/2018/08/lost-in- translation-15th-anniversary-sofia-coppola- interview-ending-whisper-meaning-1201998010/
From the iW Vaults Sofia Coppola Talks "Lost in Translation," Her Love Story That's Not "Nerdy"	Indiewire	https://www.indiewire.com/2011/07/from-the-iw- vaults-sofia-coppola-talks-lost-in-translation- her-love-story-thats-not-nerdy-53395/
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Lost in Translation, Lisa Schwarzbaum	Entertainment Weekly	https://ew.com/article/2003/09/11/lost- translation-2/
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Lost in Translation, Peter Travers	Rolling Stone	https://www.rollingstone.com/movies/movie- reviews/lost-in-translation-127187/
Lost in Translation Review, Rob Fraser	<u>Empire</u>	https://www.empireonline.com/movies/reviews/lost-translation-review/