

## TALE OF TALES

Autumn Season 2016

Release: 2015 Cert (UK): 15 Language: English Runtime: 2hr 14mins Director: Matteo Garrone Writer: Edoardo Albinati , Ugo Chiti , Matteo Garrone , Massimo Gaudioso Cinematographer: Peter Suschitzky Cast: Salma Hayek, Vincent Cassel, Toby Jones, John C Reilly

From the bitter quest of the Queen of Longtrellis, to two mysterious sisters who provoke the passion of a king, to the King of Highhills obsessed with a giant Flea, these tales are inspired by the fairy tales by Giambattista Basile...but the result is NOT for children!



There are plenty of pleasures along the way here – the wonderfully fey vocal work by Shirley Henderson as the old hag, Cassel's self-mocking performance as the Lothariolike king, the expression on Jones's face when he realises his beloved daughter is to marry an ogre, the underwater scenes with Reilly taking on the Nessie-like monster, the slapstick reminiscent of silent movies in which characters are thrown out of windows or look as if they're going to fall off

precipices. Cuteness and grotesquerie sit side by side' – Geoffrey Macnab, Independent.

Director Matteo Garrone came to fame with his 2008 film 'Gomorrah' (about the modern day Mafia) and followed up with 'Reality' in 2012 (about a reality TV show), both of which were big hits at Cannes and elsewhere. This film is very different, then, both for him and Keswick. The mix of fairy tale, greed, lust, love and passion has once again won him many accolades – he is very ably supported by some great actors and great acting here – Salma Hayek, Vincent Cassel, Toby Jones and John C Reilly - will hopefully not leave us all too stunned!

