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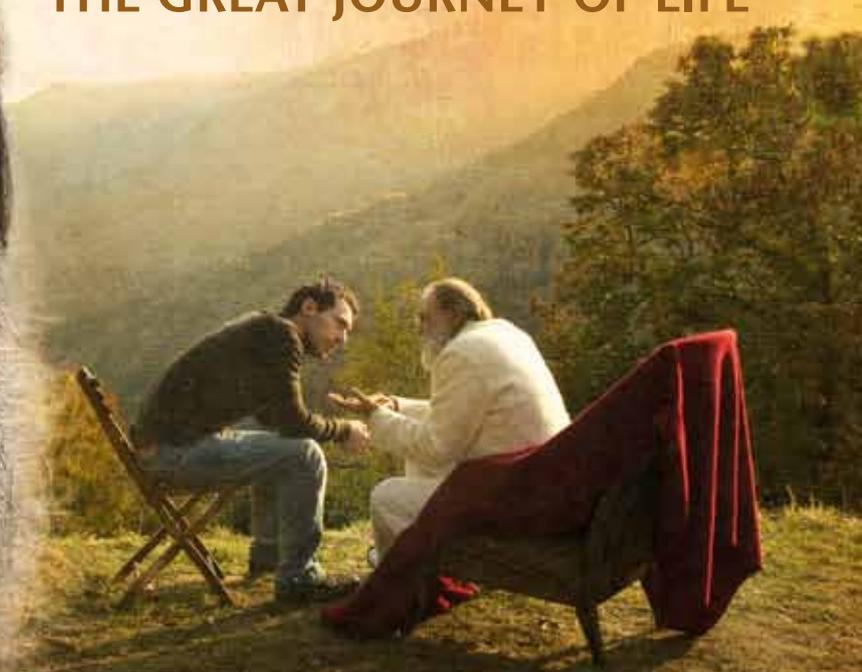
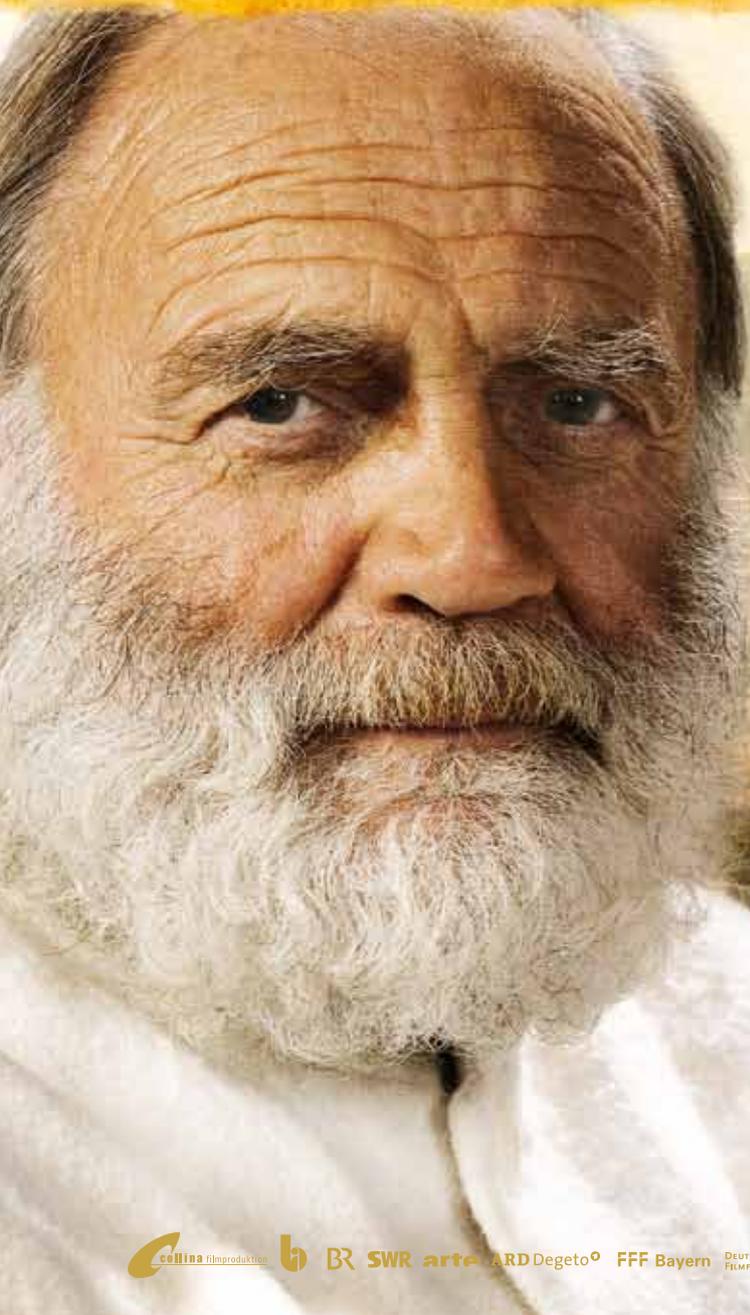
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# THE END IS MY BEGINNING

A FATHER, A SON AND  
THE GREAT JOURNEY OF LIFE



AN ULRICH LIMMER PRODUCTION DIRECTED BY JO BAIER

BETA CINEMA PRESENTS AN ULRICH LIMMER PRODUCTION OF COLLINA FILMPRODUKTION AND B.A. PRODUKTION IN CO-PRODUCTION WITH BAYERISCHER  
RUNDfunk, SÜDWESTRUNDfunk, ARTE, DEGETO FILM IN CO-OPERATION WITH BETA FILM, RAI CINEMA "THE END IS MY BEGINNING"  
BASED ON THE BOOK "DAS ENDE IST MEIN ANFANG" BY TIZIANO TERZANI

BRUNO GANZ · ELIO GERMANO · ERIKA PLUHAR · ANDREA OSVÁRT · NICOLÒ FITZWILLIAM-LAY  
MAKE-UP DIRIGER LAUBE · BRIGITTE DETTLING · COSTUME DESIGNER GERHARD GOLLNHOFFER · ORIGINAL SOUND GUNVAR VOIGT  
SOUND DESIGN FRIEDRICH M. DOSCH · MIX STEFAN KÖRTE · LINE PRODUCER MANFRED BREY · PRODUCTION DESIGNER ECKHART FRIZ  
COMPOSITION JUDITH KAUFMANN · G.A.K. · EDITING CLAUDI WEHLISCH · CO-PRODUCERS ANTONIO EVACUOSTOS · FRANZ KRAUS  
MUSIC LUDDOVICO EINAUDI · WRITTEN BY FOLCO TERZANI AND ULRICH LIMMER · PRODUCED BY ULRICH LIMMER  
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**Director** Jo Baier

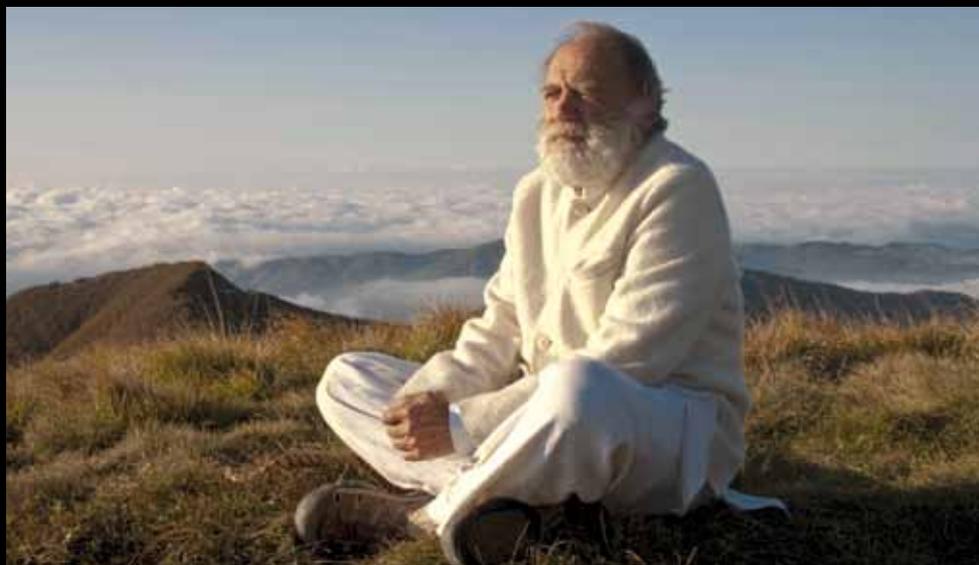
**Cast** Bruno Ganz  
Elio Germano  
Erika Pluhar  
Andrea Osvárt  
Gianni Cavina

**Genre** Drama

**Language** German/Italian

**Length** 94 min

**Produced by** collina filmproduktion and B.A. Produktion in co-production with Bayerischer Rundfunk, Südwestrundfunk, ARTE, Degeto Film in cooperation with RAI Cinema and Beta Film



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### SYNOPSIS

Tiziano Terzani, long-time Spiegel magazine Asia correspondent and renowned author, invites his son Folco to his retreat, a small mountain village northwest of Florence. It turns into a very special visit: Tiziano is seriously ill with cancer and wants to tell his son the story of his life in the time remaining before his death.

Tiziano and Folco talk every day, reflecting on their own lives, discussing society, modern times, young people and the world. But death is omnipresent and thus a central theme of the film. With an impressive lightness, Tiziano, his son and Tiziano's wife meet the nearing end without quarrelling or complaining. Tiziano labels death a friend, as "the one new thing that can still happen to me." An unusual story about the relationship between father and son, the fascinating life of Tiziano Terzani and, above all, bidding farewell.

### THE DIRECTOR

Jo Baier was born in 1949 in Munich and studied Drama, German and American Language Studies at the Ludwig-Maximilian University in Munich. He made more than 70 documentaries and TV features before turning to feature films and has been working as a director since 1979. A selection of his award-winning films includes: Wildfeuer (1991), Operation Valkyrie (TV, 2004), Not All Were Murderers (TV, 2005), Henry of Navarre (2009), and The End is my Beginning (2010).

