

Arterton and Ronan in new "BYZANTIUM" image, more plot details

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An official look at immortal mother and daughter in Neil Jordan's (THE COMPANY OF WOLVES) new vampire tale has been released.

Now in post-production, WestEnd Films has offered up the below image, as well as expanded upon the plot of BYZANTIUM, the upcoming film from Jordan starring Gemma Arterton, Saoirse Ronan (HANNA), Sam Riley (CONTROL) and Caleb Landry Jones.

Previously described as simply two vampires on the run, with Clara (Arterton) looking to protect her daughter, the new synopsis reads:

"Eleanor and Clara, two mysterious and penniless young women, flee the scene of a violent crime and arrive in a run-down coastal resort. They try to find money and refuge along the tawdry seafront and in the dilapidated hotels."

"Clara, ever-practical, sells her body. She soon meets shy and lonely Noel, who provides a roof over their heads in his seedy guesthouse, Byzantium. Clara, always looking towards the future, turns it into a 'pop-up' brothel."

"Meanwhile Eleanor, the eternal schoolgirl, meets Frank, a kindred spirit who unwittingly prompts her to tell the truth about her life. She tells him that Clara is her mother; yet Clara is only a few years older. She says that she was born in 1804; yet she is just sixteen. She confesses that she must drink human blood to stay alive – and so must her mother. In the small, quiet town, people start to die."

"And the past that the girls have been running from for so long, finally catches up with them – with astonishing consequences."

No word on expected release just yet, but with the talent featured, and Jordan's previous, poetic

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and often beautiful work considered, hopefully we get at least a trailer sooner than later.

