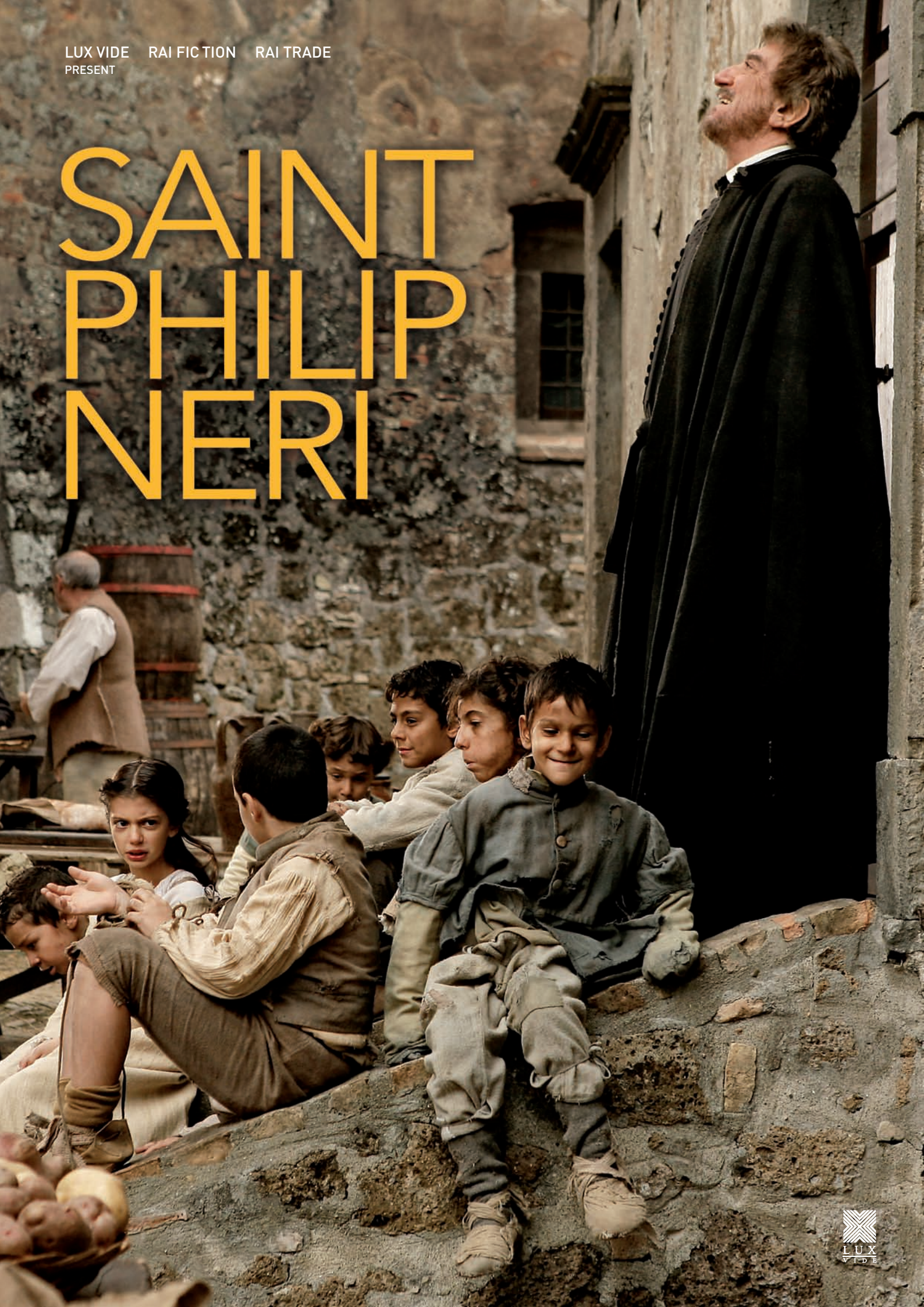


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PRESENT

SAINT PHILIP NERI





In XVI century Rome, a time of splendour, but also of deep conflicts, one man is inventing a new way to be a priest. He steps down from his pulpit to be on the streets, reaching out to the hundreds of parentless children who live in Rome's dark alleys.

With joy, faith and determination Philip Neri gathers among him a small crowd of kids; he sings, plays and dances with them, he teaches them hope. He creates the first Oratory for them: a community, where, each child is free to understand what path in life he or she is meant for. The Church hierarchy, however, is scared by Neri's unconventional methods; they mistake his freedom for anarchy and become strong opponents. Still, in the end, the Pope is moved by Philip's sincere faith; he blesses him and gives him the title of cardinal. But Philip refuses with a smile: "I prefer Paradise," he replies.

From BAFTA nominated director Giacomo Campiotti, the fascinating story of a free, independent soul. A man who dealt with the mighty, but lived with the poor. A touching picture mixing laughter and emotions, like only special lives can do.



Format: Miniseries 2 x 100'

Genre: Drama

Directed by: Giacomo Campiotti

Starring: Gigi Proietti, Francesco Salvi, Sergio Fiorentini, Francesca Chillemi

Year: 2010

Co-produced by: Lux Vide, Rai Fiction, Rai Trade

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