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Despite The Falling Snow

The Original Motion Picture Score by Rachel Portman

Starring Rebecca Ferguson, Sam Reid and Charles Dance

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DESPITE THE FALLING SNOW is based on Sarif's own highly acclaimed novel of the same name. Set in Cold War Moscow during the late 1950s, the story centers around Katya, a young, beautiful British spy directed to spy on Alexander, an idealistic Communist politician whom she unexpectedly falls in love with.

London based **ACADEMY AWARD** and **EMMY** winner / **GRAMMY AWARD** nominee **RACHEL PORTMAN** has composed a perspicacious score that simply tingles the senses as Katya has to predestine between love and duty, which leads to a nail-biting conclusion that Alexander can only unravel decades later in present-day Boston. His journey back to the snowbound streets of Moscow uncovers a love triangle and betrayals from those he trusted most.

Born in West Sussex, England, **RACHEL PORTMAN** began composing at the age of 14 and read music at Oxford University. She gained experience writing music for drama in BBC and Channel 4 films such as Beeban Kidron's *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit*, Mike Leigh's *Four Days In July* and Jim Henson's *Storyteller* series.

Rachel won an Academy award for her score for *Emma* and Academy nominations for *Chocolat* and *The Cider House Rules*.

As well as a notable list of film compositions, spanning many popular and indie films, Rachel has written a musical of *Little House on the Prairie* as well as an opera of Saint Exupery's *The Little Prince* for Houston Grand Opera and *The Water Diviner*, a dramatic choral symphony commissioned for the BBC Proms concerts.

In the 2010 New Year Honours Rachel was appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) Rachel lives in London with her three daughters, and is available for interview.

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