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REVIEW

**A VERY LONG ENGAGEMENT**

Jean-Pierre Jeunet and Audrey Tautou re-team for a flamboyant mix of spectacle, romance, revenge drama and detective story, says Benny Crick

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SCREEN DAILY STORIES [✉ mail story to a friend](#)**✉ Becker takes on *Love Reigns* sales****✉ Sandy George in Sydney****22 October 2004 04:00**

Becker Films International is to handle worldwide sales on *Where Love Reigns*, which is being set up as an official tri-partite production between the UK, Canada and South Africa and has Martin Scorsese on board as executive producer.

The film is based on the true story of the torrid love affair in the early 1900s between one of the founding fathers of modern psychology, Carl Jung, and his young and seriously disturbed patient Sabina Spielrein. In real life she influenced both his and Sigmund Freud's theories and developed into an important psychoanalyst herself.

Where Love Reigns will be directed by newcomer David Ness from a script adapted by British writer Snoo Wilson from his own original stage play titled *Sabina*.

Tim Hampton is producing alongside co-producers Chee Keong Cheung, Robert Weston, Martin Katz and Philo Pieterse. British cinematographer and director Jack Cardiff is acting as a creative consultant.

An actress to play *Sabina* has yet to be found, but the film is scheduled to shoot in the UK and South Africa from February. Douglas Henshall is to play Jung and Simon Callow will play his colleague Eugene Bleuler. The on-screen Freud has also been cast but the deal is not signed off.

Reiko Bradley, who set up the Sydney-based sales company as a joint venture with Richard Becker about a year ago, will be presenting *Where Love Reigns* for the first time at the American Film Market next month. Also on her slate is *Five Worlds*, a set of stories from the Islamic world's most highly regarded directors, produced by the team behind Osama.

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