



Based on the true story of the affair between psychologist Carl Jung and his patient Sabina Spielrein, "**Where Love Reigns**" is set at the turn of the century and follows the forbidden love which threatens to destroy the marriage and career of Jung.

Currently in pre-production in the U.K., director **David Ness**, who's been fascinated by Jung's work since his teens, first thought of making the film when he went to the Bush Theatre in London to see **Snoo Wilson's** play, "**Sabina.**" "I immediately saw the huge cinematic potential the story and characters contained," says Ness who got Wilson's blessing to adapt the play into a film. "I took the title from a quote I found in Sabina's writings, 'Where love reigns, the ego dies,' seems to me to define her character, where all sacrificing love of the higher spiritual self conquers over mundane impulses."

Though this marks Ness' feature film debut, he calls it an ideal setting as along with filmmaking he's also taught social science at two colleges in Europe. "The story resonates deeply with me," he says via e-mail. "It is a love story underpinned by a deeply spiritual core, dealing with the central themes of genius, madness, passion, love and betrayal."

Set for a five-week shoot (start date not yet announced) in the U.K. and South Africa, with post in Canada, the £2.7 million (\$5 million) budget will be shot on 35mm. **Chee Keong Cheung, Rob Weston, Tim Hampton, Martin F. Katz** and **Philo Pieterse** will produce with **Martin Scorsese** executive producing. Cast includes **Sarah Gadon** (Spielrein), **Douglas Henshall** (Jung), and Oscar nominee **Armin Mueller Stahl** as Jung's close friend Sigmund Freud.

Jason Guerrasio
indieWIRE
April 07 2005