

## "The New Girlfriend" A Transgender movie

As befits a film by French director François Ozon his latest cinematic venture "The New Girlfriend" has many layers.

Based on a story by Ruth Rendell, the film stars the exquisitely beautiful Anaïs Demoustier as the sexually uncertain Claire opposite the gender conflicted David, played convincingly by Romain Duris.

Following the death of David's young wife, Claire's best friend since childhood, she decides to help him get over the loss and look after his baby daughter.

Claire's emotions are in turmoil as she mourns her dead friend and her state of mind is traumatised further when she discovers David is a secret cross-dresser who longs to become a woman. She soon finds herself fascinated by Virginia (David's femme persona) and neglects her own husband to go off on shopping trips, nights out and a weekend away with Virginia.

Inevitably the two are drawn closer to one another though Claire battles against her attraction to the female figure that David increasingly portrays.

"The New Girlfriend" is a light and gentle look at the underlying motivations of the two characters as they interact with each other. It is non-judgemental and a real treat for any crossdresser with ambitions to both "get" the girl and "be" the girl.

*In French with English subtitles and available on DVD from Metrodome \*\*\*\*\**