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Watch Anthony Hopkins channel Sigmund Freud in *Freud's Last Session* trailer

The footage reveals the two-time Oscar winner as the famed founder of psychoanalysis, as well as Matthew Goode as author C.S. Lewis.

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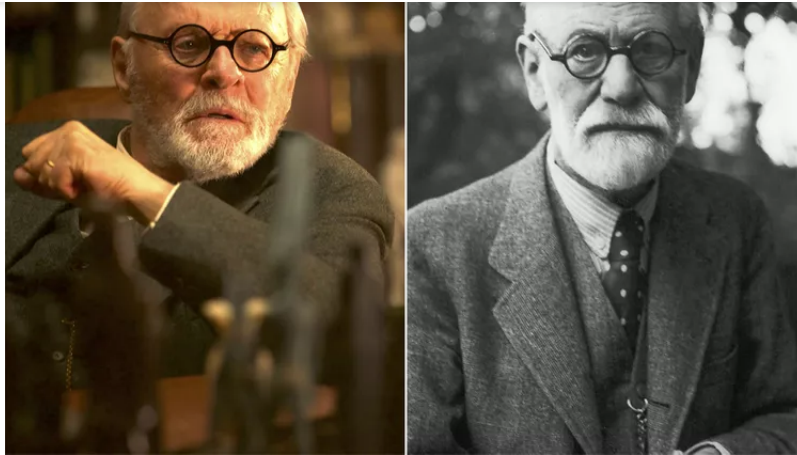


"I consider what people tell me far less interesting than what they choose *not* to tell me."

With these words, Oscar winner [Anthony Hopkins](#), one of the most prolific actors of his age, transforms into Sigmund Freud, one of the most prolific thinkers of his.

Hopkins stars as the founder of psychoanalysis in *Freud's Last Session*, for which EW has an exclusive look at the first trailer. Scheduled for a Dec. 22 theatrical release, the film shows Freud approaching the end of his life. His "last session" is an encounter with the revered author of *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*, C.S. Lewis, played by [Matthew Goode](#). (Coincidentally, Hopkins played Lewis in 1993's *Shadowlands*.)





Anthony Hopkins as Sigmund Freud (left) and Sigmund Freud. PHOTO: SABRINA LANTOS/SONY PICTURES CLASSICS; HANS CASPARIUS/HULTON ARCHIVE/GETTY IMAGES

While the movie is not based on a true story, the imaginary encounter takes its characters seriously and places them in London, where Freud moved just prior to the outbreak of the war.

The pair of icons find themselves in a fierce debate over the existence of God as the world around them hurtles toward World War II. The ongoing debate forces them to explore personal relationships of the past and present, including Lewis' time serving during World War I.



Matthew Goode as C.S. Lewis (left) and C.S. Lewis (right). PHOTO: PATRICK REDMOND/SONY PICTURES CLASSICS; JOHN CHILLINGWORTH/PICTURE POST/HULTON ARCHIVE/GE

Hopkins may be the most revered actor to bring the psychoanalyst to the big screen, though there have been excellent portrayals of Freud, such as Viggo Mortensen in *Method* and Montgomery Clift in the John Huston-directed *Freud*.

The movie is based on [a play by Mark St. Germain](#), which is based on the book *The Question of God* by Armand Nicholi. S

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Anthony Hopkins and Matthew Goode in 'Freud's Last Session'. PHOTO: PATRICK REDMOND/SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

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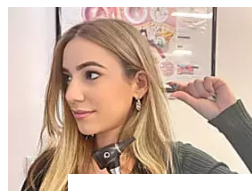
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