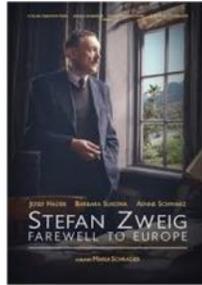


Stefan Zweig | Farewell to Europe. (2016)

May 19th, 2017

German with English subtitles

Director Maria Schrader takes a new look at world-famous Jewish writer Stefan Zweig, who was born in Vienna in 1881. Zweig decided to flee the rise of the Nazis and leave his homeland for London in 1934. After a stopover in the US, he eventually settled in Brazil in 1942. He and his wife Lotte committed suicide there in the same year. Schrader's film divides Zweig's life in exile into a series of cinematic episodes, including his arrival in Buenos Aires, life in Bahia in northeastern Brazil, meeting his first wife in the US in 1941, and finally settling in Petropolis two hours north of Rio de Janeiro.



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Frau Müller muss weg (2015)

October 14th, 2016

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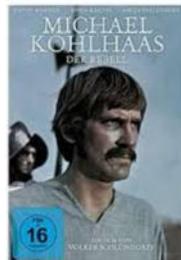
In this comedy by Sönke Wortmann, the parents of 4th grade students at an elementary school in Dresden are unhappy. They are concerned about the impact of falling grades upon their children's chances to be advanced to the Gymnasium next year. They decide to force the teacher, Mrs. Müller, to give up this class. They convene one Saturday to meet with her in the school. What at first seems like a very straightforward situation devolves into a surprising ending. The denouement sheds painful and humorous light on the complex relationships involved. Mrs. Müller must negotiate between the demands of helicopter parents, the needs of their children and a teacher's duty to be fair and supportive in a highly selective school system.

Michael Kohlhaas | der Rebell (1969)

November 18th, 2016

German with English subtitles

Volker Schlöndorff deftly captures the existential detachment of Heinrich von Kleist's classic novella. The story is based on real events of the 1530's, wherein one man's obsessive quest for justice becomes so all-consuming that he crosses into the realm of criminality himself. British actor David Warner stars as Kohlhaas, a Brandenburg horse-trader who is wronged by a Saxon aristocrat. When legal recourse does him no good, he applies his own form of justice to the entire region.



Die Wahlverwandschaften | Elective Affinities (1974)

January 13th, 2017

German with English subtitles



This movie is an East-German/DEFA-Film by director Siegfried Kühn. It is based on the famous novel by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe written in 1809 during the Napoleonic wars. Employing the metaphor of chemical reactions to examine romantic relationships, Goethe's story describes the emotional dynamics in play when an aristocratic couple (Edward and Charlotte) invite an old friend (Captain Otto) and Charlotte's niece Otilie to live with them on their estate.

Victoria (2015)

February 17th, 2017

German/English with English/German Subtitles

Victoria is a rare feature film that was shot in a single take in Berlin-Kreuzberg and Berlin-Mitte from 4:30 a.m. until 7:00 a.m. on April 27, 2014. Victoria is an innocent Spanish girl who has come to Berlin three months previously. She has a job in a café. After a night of dancing, she meets four young men from Berlin on the street outside the dance club. They speak English together since she doesn't know much German yet. What follows is a fascinating story of her involvement with these young Berliners who engage in criminal activity as a means of repaying a debt to a gangster boss.



A Coffee in Berlin (2015)

March 17th, 2017

German with English subtitles



Niko Fischer follows in the footsteps of Leopold Bloom, traversing one day in the life of Berlin. Niko is a quintessentially anomic man, yet despite his ultimately despairing perspective, he exudes sympathy and tenderness for the individuals he encounters. He is a weatherman of sorts, keeping an eye on the current climate in Berlin, noting how his Zeitgenossen are coping with that climate.

Der Staat gegen Fritz Bauer (2015)

April 14th, 2017

German with German subtitles

Germany, 1957. The Attorney General of the state of Hessen, Fritz Bauer, receives crucial evidence on the whereabouts of SS-Obersturmbannführer Adolf Eichmann. Eichmann, who is responsible for the mass deportation of Jews during World War II, is allegedly hiding in Buenos Aires. Bauer, himself Jewish, has been trying to take Nazi criminals to court ever since his return from Danish exile. Since the German government under Konrad Adenauer is not interested in a trial against Eichmann in Germany, Fritz Bauer contacts the Israeli secret service Mossad. In doing so, he opens himself up to a charge of treason. A dangerous game ensues in this riveting political thriller.

