

German Films

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***Adventures of Prince Achmed* (DVD FOREIGN ADV)** Silent film with musical score and English captions. 67 min. 1926. Premiered in Germany in 1926, and based on *The Arabian Nights*, this movie has been hailed as the first full-length animated film. A wicked sorcerer tricks Prince Achmed into mounting a magical flying horse to send him on a flight to his death.

***Aguirre, the Wrath of God* (DVD FOREIGN AGU)** 94 min. 2000. Spanish conquistadors, led by Pizarro, go up the Amazon in search of gold. The soldiers battle starvation, Indians, the forces of nature, and each other. Don Lope de Aguirre is consumed by visions of conquering all of South America and leads a revolt. Aguirre's megalomania turns the expedition into a death trip.

***Ali: Fear Eats the Soul* (DVD FOREIGN ALI)** 93 min. 2002. Tells the outrageous, touching story of a bumpkin love affair between a German floor washer and an inarticulate Arab mechanic.

***As Far As My Feet Will Carry Me* (DVD FOREIGN AS)** 122 min. 2003. The journey of a German soldier in his dramatic escape from a Siberian labor camp after World War II.

***Beresina* (DVD FOREIGN BER)** 108 min. 1999. Irina, a Russian call girl in a fairy-tale Alpine country, sets in motion a long-since forgotten series of events involving greed, the government, and the fate of a nation.

***Berlin Alexander Platz* (DVD FOREIGN BER)** 94 min. 1980. Based on Alfred Doblin's great modernist novel, a violent yet strangely childlike ex-convict, Franz Biberkopf, attempts to "become an honest soul" amidst the corrosive urban landscape of Germany.

***Berlin Jerusalem* (DVD FOREIGN BER)** 85 min. 1989. This moving drama of the birth of Israel focuses on two women - Else Lasker-Schuler, a German poet, and Tania Shohat, a Russian revolutionary. They meet first in Berlin, where utopian ideals and fear of the Nazis force their escape to Palestine. Re-united in Jerusalem, they confront a harsh reality in the city idealized in their dreams.

***Beyond Silence* (DVD FOREIGN BEY)** 107 min. 1999. Since her early childhood, Lara has had a difficult but important task. Both of her parents are deaf-mute, and Lara has to translate when her parents want to communicate with other people. Lara is interested in music and plays the clarinet successfully, but her parents cannot share her musical career. Lara has to decide between her parents and her own ambitions.

***The Blue Angel* (DVD FOREIGN BLU)** 107 min. 1930. An obsessive fascination with a cafe singer slowly destroys a quiet professor.

***Das Boot* (DVD FOREIGN BOO)** 293 min. 1981. With superb detailing of life in one of the famed WWII German U-boats known as the *gray wolves*, this original uncut film follows the daring patrol of the U-96. The crew is graphically portrayed in a life-and-death struggle, challenging the British Navy at every turn. Based on the novel by Lothar G. Buchheim, the film includes a making-of featurette and restored original stereo audio.



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***Cabinet of Dr. Caligari* (DVD FOREIGN CAB)** Silent film with musical score and English captions. 76 min. 1919. A somnambulist commits murders under a hypnotist's influence. Also included is a lengthy excerpt of *Genuine*, a vampire tale. Both films are examples of the German Expressionist movement.

***Cherry Blossoms* (DVD FOREIGN CHE)** 124 min. 2009. Only Trudi knows that her husband suffers from a terminal illness. She decides not to tell him as they visit their family in Berlin. When Trudi dies suddenly, Rudi vows to make up for her lost life and takes his last journey to Tokyo during the cherry blossom festival.

***Cloud 9* (DVD FOREIGN CLO)** 98 min. 2008. The groundbreaking, lyrical and moving love story of Inge, a 67-year-old married woman who rediscovers her passion and her sexuality when she unexpectedly falls in love with 76-year-old Karl.

***Cobra Verde* (DVD FOREIGN COB)** 110 min. 1987. A 19th-century Brazilian rancher, born Francisco Manoel da Silva, turns to banditry after drought and famine drive him from his land. Taking the name Cobra Verde, he is a lone figure, roaming the backlands, shooting, drinking and womanizing. When he is hired as an overseer by a decadent sugar planter, he runs into trouble when the planter's three daughters wind up pregnant. The locals ship him to Africa to administer the faltering slave trade, assuming he will not come back alive. He arrives to find the garrison deserted, and the King, apparently, gone mad. Cobra Verde however, is a special kind of diplomat, and before long he is training an army of amazons to launch a rebellion against the King.

***The Counterfeiters* (DVD FOREIGN COU)** 99 min. 2007. A master counterfeiter is captured by the Nazis and used to help in a huge scheme to fund their war efforts, and in turn save his life during World War II. Based on the true story of Salomon Sorowitsch. Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film of 2007.

***December Kisses* (DVD FOREIGN DEC)** 88 min. 2002. Freddy is a desperate man on the lam, taken in by Thomas, a kindhearted clergyman. Freddy is secretly nursed back to health in the bell tower of Thomas's church by the priest's daughter, who is drawn to him. While Thomas fends off investigators, a burgeoning relationship grows in the tower. When his daughter plans to leave with Freddy once he is recovered, Thomas confronts his own beliefs. Does his compassion for his friend extend to his own daughter's love?

***Diary of a Lost Girl* (DVD FOREIGN DIA)** Silent film with musical score and English captions. 134 min. 1929. The innocent daughter of a prosperous pharmacist is raped by her father's assistant. She becomes pregnant, is rejected by her family, and must fend for herself in a harsh, cruel world.

***Downfall* (DVD FOREIGN DOW)** 155 min. 2004. The setting is Hitler's bunker, in 1945, during the brutal last days of the Third Reich. Seen through the eyes of Hitler's secretary, Traudl Junge, optimism crumbles into grim realization and terror as Germany's defeat is inevitable. As the Russian army circles the city, the dimly lit halls of the underground refuge become an execution chamber for the Fuhrer and his closest advisors.

***Dresden* (DVD FOREIGN DRE)** 180 min. 2006. A German hospital nurse finds an injured English pilot hiding in a cellar and helps him, thinking he is a German deserter. When she finds out who he is, will she have the heart to turn him in? Or will her feelings overcome border lines and sides?

***Edge of Heaven* (DVD FOREIGN EDG)** 116 min. 2007. Six characters are drawn together by circumstances: an old man and a prostitute forging a partnership, a young scholar reconciling his past, two young women falling in love, and a mother putting the shattered pieces of her life back together.



***Enigma of Kaspar Hauser* (DVD FOREIGN ENI)** 109 min. 1975. Based on a historical event, this is the story of Kaspar Hauser, a young man who appeared in a small German town in 1820 after living in total isolation from humans since birth. He learns to speak, read, and write, but is then mysteriously murdered.

***Europa* (DVD FOREIGN EUR)** 107 min. 1991. An American finds a job as a sleeping car conductor on a train in postwar Frankfurt.

***Europa Europa* (DVD FOREIGN EUR)** 114 min. 1991. This movie is based on the true story of a Jewish teenager who survived World War II by living as a Nazi for seven years.

***Everyone Else* (DVD FOREIGN EVE)** 124 min. 2009. A young couple's relationship is pushed to the brink while vacationing in the Mediterranean. On the surface, Chris and Gitti appear blissfully in love while enjoying the sun and sand of Sardinia. But as they spend more time together, their silly games and playful teasing begin to unmask hidden fears and desires. When they accidentally run into another, seemingly happier and more successful couple, the tensions between them erupt.

***Faraway, So Close* (DVD FOREIGN FAR)** 146 min. 1993. In this sequel to *Wings of Desire*, an angel dares to cross the line into the harsh reality of post-Cold War Berlin. He engages in deadly combat to protect the mortals he loves.

***Faust* (DVD FOREIGN FAU)** Silent film with musical score and English captions. 106 min. 1926. F. W. Murnau directed this silent masterpiece based on the play by Johann Wolfgang Goethe. Dr. Faust sells his soul to Mephistopheles in exchange for scientific knowledge and perfect happiness. Score compiled from historic photoplay music by the Mont Alto Motion Picture Orchestra.

***Fitzcarraldo* (DVD FOREIGN FIT)** 157 min. 1982. A man is obsessed with the ambition to make his fortune and build his own personal opera house in the jungle.

***Gloomy Sunday* (DVD FOREIGN GLO)** 114 min. 1999. Set in Budapest in the thirties, two men desire the same woman. The restaurant owner Laszlo hires the pianist András to play in his restaurant. Both men fall in love with the beautiful waitress Ilona, who inspires András to write his only composition.

***Good-bye Lenin!* (DVD FOREIGN GOO)** 121 min. 2003. Alex's proud, socialist mother falls into a coma for eight months. When she wakes, her heart is weak, so Alex has to keep the secret that the Berlin Wall has fallen and capitalism has triumphed. What begins as a little white lie turns into a major scam.

***The Harmonists* (DVD FOREIGN HAR)** 115 min. 1997. Based on a true story, this tells of a German vocal group that disbanded in 1934 as Jewish persecution mounted. They did comic and romantic songs in intricate harmony and were extremely popular, but as the Nazi power rose, they were forbidden to sing songs by Jewish composers - and finally, because three of them were Jewish, they were banned from performing in public.

***Head-On* (DVD FOREIGN HEA)** 118 min. 2004. Two young Turkish-Germans are forced into a marriage of convenience which ultimately blossoms into a bond of mutual admiration.

***Heart of Glass* (DVD FOREIGN HEA)** 94 min. 1974. A German village loses the secret of making its unique ruby glass. The townspeople turn to madness, murder, and magic in an effort to recover the lost ingredient. During filming, the cast was hypnotized to convey hallucination, prophecy, and visions.

Heimat: A Chronicle of Germany (DVD FOREIGN HEI) 925 min. 1984. The incredible saga of a German family from the end of World War I to 1982 - an immersion in the lives, loves, and tragedies of the extended Simon family.

Heimat 2: Chronicle of a Generation (DVD FOREIGN HEI) 1580 min. 1992. Filmmaker Edgar Reitz's saga chronicles one German family from 1919 to 1982. In part two, set in the 1960s, a native son studies music in Munich.

Heimat 3: A Chronicle of Endings/Beginnings (DVD FOREIGN HEI) 680 min. 2004. Hermann and Clarissa, the star-crossed lovers of *Heimat 2* meet in a hotel on the evening of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Caught up in the euphoria over the reunification of their country, the couple reunites as well.

I Only Want You to Love Me (DVD FOREIGN I) 104 min. 2011. An ordinary man seemingly has a perfect life. He just got married to a beautiful girl, moved to the city and has a family to look after and love. During his childhood, his parents constantly made him feel rejected and worthless. Those issues slowly creep into his family life, resulting in a nervous breakdown and violence.

Jacob the Liar (DVD FOREIGN JAC) 96 min. 1974. Trapped in a Polish ghetto, facing starvation or deportation to the death camps, Jacob is detained at Gestapo headquarters. Eavesdropping, he overhears a radio report about a Russian victory. At first he is silent, but circumstances compel him to pass on the news of hope. To be believed, he feigns access to a hidden, forbidden radio, becoming a bulwark against despair – a reluctant hero, but a tragic figure still, a man ultimately powerless to see or change the fate of his people.

Jerichow (DVD FOREIGN JER) 96 min. 2008. A business relationship turns into a love triangle when an ex-soldier begins working for a store owner and his beautiful wife.

John Rabe (DVD FOREIGN JOH) 134 min. 2009. Tells the story of a German businessman who rescued more than 200,000 Chinese during the Nanking Massacre in China by courageously negotiating a safety zone to protect innocent civilians from the Japanese Army. Drawing from John Rabe's 1937 diaries as source material, this film has crafted a portrait of a man revered as a saint in China to this day and yet never rewarded for his courage during his lifetime.

The Last Laugh (DVD FOREIGN LAS) Silent film with musical score and English captions. 91 min. 1924. An aging doorman's happiness crumbles when he is relieved of the duties and uniform which had for years been the foundation of his happiness and pride.

The Legend of Rita (DVD FOREIGN LEG) 101 min. 1999. This political thriller, set during the Cold War, recounts the struggles of a young woman who is a member of a terrorist group (loosely based on the real Baader-Meinhof gang). When the group disbands, she goes into hiding with an invented identity in East Germany. She struggles with the realities of a Communist state while keeping the distant ideal of socialism.

The Lives of Others (DVD FOREIGN LIV) 137 min. 2006. Set in 1984 East Berlin, a secret service agent assigned to monitor a playwright and his girlfriend questions his assignment and his loyalty to the government. Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film of 2006.

The Lost Honor of Katharina Blum (DVD FOREIGN LOS) 109 min. 1975. A shy housekeeper has a spontaneous one-night stand with an enigmatic young man she's met at a party. The next morning, the police raid her apartment and arrest them both for terrorism.



M (DVD FOREIGN M) 111 min. 1931. This drama is based on an actual Düsseldorf murder, recounting the hunt by both law enforcement agents and the underworld for a psychopathic killer of young girls.

Menschenfrauen (DVD FOREIGN MEN) 100 min. 2010. Journalist Franz dallies with four women who think only they are the apple of Franz's eye. Each girlfriend represents a different female archetype: Petra is a sweet kindergarten nurse; Gertrud is an intelligent teacher; Elisabeth the barmaid is always ready for a party; and poor Anna is the long-suffering wife. Eventually, the women want more from life than Franz's attention and use different means to undermine his game.

Metropolis (DVD FOREIGN MET) Silent film with musical score and English captions. 115 min. 1926. This classic silent film is a drama about authoritarianism and revolt in a mythical industrialized metropolis of the 21st century.

Moloch (DVD FOREIGN MEL) 108 min. 1999. It is the spring of 1942 in Germany. In their mountain retreat, Eva Braun is the only voice that dares contradict Germany's Fuhrer. Eva is caught up in the complexities of being the lover of a man incapable of human intimacy, making her as volcanic as he is.

Mostly Martha (DVD FOREIGN MOS) 107 min. 2001. Martha is a chef who obsesses over each dish. When her sister dies, Martha adopts Lina, her eight-year-old niece. Martha gets help from Mario, her handsome new assistant, who is not only a whiz on the chopping block, but knows sundry magic tricks and jokes to keep Lina's spirits afloat. As Martha starts to grow fond of Lina, her erratic father arrives to take her back to Italy.

My Name Was Sabina Spielrein (DVD FOREIGN MY) 90 min. 2002. This film is based on the letters and diaries that revealed a love affair between psychiatrist/writer Carl Jung and his first patient, Sabina Spielrein.

The North Face (DVD FOREIGN NOR) 121 min. 2009. Based on a true story, this adventure tells of a competition to climb the most dangerous rock face in the Alps, the north face of the Eiger. Set in 1936, Nazi propaganda urges German alpinists to conquer the mountain. Two reluctant climbers, Toni and Andi, attempt an ascent, followed by two Austrian climbers. All goes well at first as both teams make headway, but then the climbers lose their advantage over the mountain and the race against time and the forces of nature begins.

Nosferatu (DVD FOREIGN NOS) Silent film with musical score and English captions. 81 min. 1922. In the first film version of Bram Stoker's *Dracula*, Transylvanian vampire, Count Orlock (Nosferatu), leaves his Carpathian castle and travels by ship to Bremen, bringing coffins filled with dirt and plague-infected rats.

Nowhere in Africa (DVD FOREIGN NOW) 142 min. 2001. Critically acclaimed, this is the award-winning true tale of a Jewish family who flees the Nazi regime in 1938 and learns to cope with their new life, and each other, on a remote farm in Kenya.

Pandora's Box (DVD FOREIGN PAN) Silent film with musical score and English captions. 133 min. 1929. Follows the downward spiral of a fiery, brash, yet naive showgirl, whose sexual vivacity has a devastating effect on everyone with whom she comes in contact.

The Princess and the Warrior (DVD FOREIGN PRI) 133 min. 2000. When shy, beautiful Sissi is the victim of a car accident, a handsome small-time criminal saves her life. Once she recovers, she sets out to find him and discovers that he is a violent man with a conflicted past and a dangerous future. It doesn't take long for the two to meet again - during a deadly bank robbery. Now it is her turn to save his life.

Revanche (DVD FOREIGN REV) 122 min. 2008. An ex-con falls in love with a hooker after becoming an assistant in a brothel, where the pair make plans to escape and start a new life together.

Run Lola Run (DVD FOREIGN RUN) 81 min. 1998. Two star-crossed lovers have only minutes to change the course of their lives. Lola has just received a frantic call from her boyfriend Manni, who has accidentally lost a small fortune he was to deliver to his mobster boss. If they cannot replace the money within twenty minutes, Manni will suffer severe consequences.

Schultze Gets the Blues (DVD FOREIGN SCH) 109 min. 2003. Schultze is a recently retired miner who, like his father, entertains polka audiences with his accordion. When he discovers the energy of zydeco music on his radio, the monotony of his routine takes a spicy turn. Schultze learns to play his accordion with a new snap and style. His fascination ultimately leads him on a life-changing journey to the Louisiana delta.

Silent Light (DVD FOREIGN SIL) 136 min. 2007. In a Mexican Mennonite community, a man betrays his family in an affair with another woman, which changes the course of events with both his wife and his mistress.

Sophie Scholl: the Final Days (DVD FOREIGN SOP) 117 min. 2005. The true story of Germany's famous anti-Nazi heroine, Sophie Scholl, of the underground student resistance group, The White Rose. The last six days of Sophie Scholl's life is dramatized, from arrest to interrogation, trial, and sentence in 1943 Munich. Unwavering in her convictions and loyalty, her cross-examination by the Gestapo quickly escalates into a searing test of wills as Scholl delivers a passionate call to freedom and personal responsibility.

Soul Kitchen (DVD FOREIGN SOU) 99min. 2009. When Zinos hires a gourmet chef for his struggling restaurant, it drives away his low-life regulars. In the meantime, his girlfriend, Nadine, moves back to China, but a hip new clientele brings the restaurant back to life. When he goes to China to get Nadine back, he leaves the restaurant in the hands of his criminal brother. When Zinos discovers that Nadine has a new boyfriend, and his brother has gambled away his restaurant, he knows he must work with his brother if he is to get it back.

Stalingrad (DVD FOREIGN STA) 150 min. 1993. This film features one of the bloodiest battles in the history of warfare - the legendary battle of Stalingrad.

The Testament of Dr. Mabuse (DVD FOREIGN TES) 121 min. 1933. A Berlin detective investigates a case where all clues lead to a man who has been in a mental hospital for many years.

The Tin Drum (DVD FOREIGN TIN) 142 min. 1979. At age three, Oskar Matzerath decides to stop growing. For two decades, during the Nazi reign, he remains frozen in size, suspended in the outraged innocence of childhood. Oskar has two weapons to see him through: his tin drum, which he bangs to drown out horror and hypocrisy, and his childish voice, which he raises in a shriek that can break glass.

3 Penny Opera (DVD FOREIGN THR) 105 min. 1933. Mackie Messer, also known as Mack the Knife, tries to escape the police and woo Polly Peachum against her father's wishes.

The Unknown Soldier (DVD FOREIGN UNK) 97 min. 2007. The crimes against humanity committed by the Nazi regime are often thought of as the work directed by leaders such as Himmler or Hitler. "Ordinary" German soldiers are not often seen as anything other than their pawns. Until now. This movie documents Germany's controversial Wehrmacht Exhibition, which for the first time ever reveals the personal letters, photographs and film footage implicating the common soldier of horrific acts.

Vision – From the Life of Hildegard von Bingen (DVD FOREIGN VIS) 100 min. 2009. Hildegard von Bingen was truly a woman ahead of her time. A visionary in every sense of the word, this famed 12th century Benedictine nun was a Christian mystic, composer, philosopher, playwright, poet, naturalist, scientist, physician, herbalist and ecological activist. Hildegard is determined to expand the responsibilities of women within the order, even as she fends off outrage from some in the Church over the visions she claims to receive from God.

Vivere (DVD FOREIGN VIV) 97 min. 2008. When Antoinetta runs off with her boyfriend, her older sister Francesca sets out on a journey to find her. But before the two can be reunited, Francesca crosses paths with Gerlinde, a heartbroken stranger desperate to leave behind her past.

When We Leave (DVD FOREIGN) 115 min. 2010. A German-born woman flees from her oppressive marriage in Istanbul, taking her son with her. She hopes to find a better life with her family in Berlin, but her unexpected arrival creates intense conflicts. Her family is trapped in their conventions. They are torn between their love for her, and the traditional values of their community.

White Ribbon (DVD FOREIGN WHI) 144 min. 2009. In a north German village prior to the outbreak of World War I, strange events, accidents, and deaths are occurring. The citizens are beside themselves with worry and confusion. After the school teacher starts to unravel the mystery, he discovers that the children of the town may be guilty of the crimes and have formed a secret society that the local pastor's daughter appears to lead.

Wings of Desire (DVD FOREIGN WIN) In German or English with English, French, or Spanish captions. 128 min. 1987. This is a romantic fantasy about an angel who wishes he were mortal and is willing to fall from the sky for a chance to fall in love. It is based on poems by Rainer Maria Rilke.

A Woman in Berlin (DVD FOREIGN WOM) 127 min. 2009. Women become the victim of the Red Army invasion of Berlin in 1945. One of them, Anonyma, an educated woman, decides to look for an officer who can protect her. A complex symbiotic relationship develops between her and the Russian officer Andrej that will force them to remain enemies until the bitter end.

