

Alma & Oskar

SYNOPSIS

ALMA AND OSKAR explores the passionate and tumultuous three-year relationship between the Grand Dame of Viennese society Alma Mahler (1879-1964) and the Austrian artist and enfant terrible Oskar Kokoschka (1886-1980). In the early 1900s, Kokoschka was an up-and-coming painter, influenced by the work of Gustav Klimt yet with his own distinctive expressionist style. Considered one of the greatest expressionist artists of the 20th century, Kokoschka created his most famous work using Alma as a model, and the years of their relationship marked the most prodigious period in his life. A composer in her own right, Alma Mahler was a vibrant figure on Vienna's art and music scene, and by the time she started her fiery affair with Kokoschka, she had already buried her first husband, composer Gustav Mahler, and begun an on-and-off relationship with architect Walter Gropius. ALMA AND OSKAR is a testament to the power and perils of their passion.

DIRECTOR

Born in Vienna in 1944, Dieter Berner studied at the 'Max Reinhardt Seminar' in Vienna and Berlin, after which he worked for two years as an actor at the 'Vienna Volkstheater'. He also performed in Michael Haneke's film THE SEVENTH CONTINENT (1989), which premiered in Cannes. Dieter Berner has been active as a director and screenwriter since 1973. He became renowned for his multiply awarded film series DIE ALPENSAGA, which has become a part of Austria's cultural heritage. Next to his work as a director, Dieter Berner has been teaching film directing and screenwriting at various film academies in Austria and Germany since 1983. His last feature film EGON SCHIELE: DEATH AND THE MAIDEN (2016), starring Valerie Pachner and Noah Saavedra, premiered at the Zurich International Film Festival and has been released in more than 40 countries.

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ORIGINAL TITLE	Alma & Oskar
DIRECTOR	Dieter Berner
GENRE	Biopic
CAST	Emily Cox Noah L. Perktold Daniel Strässer
PRODUCTION	Film AG Produktions GmbH, Wüste Film GmbH, Turnus Film AG, Dawson Films
STATUS	In Pre-Production, Shooting Spring 2020
DELIVERY	Spring 2021
NATIONALITY	Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Czech Republic
LANGUAGE	German

