

Film title

Elvira Madigan

Tagline

Short synopsis

Hedvig Jensen is a famous ropewalker and is known to her public as Elvira Madigan. She meets Sixten Sparre, a Swedish officer who is married and has two children. They both decide to run away, but Sixten fails to find work and the couple encounters many hardships.

Long synopsis

Bo Widerberg reached new heights of visual lyricism with this sublime retelling of a real-life nineteenth-century romantic tragedy. Bound by their all-consuming desire, a young circus tightrope walker (Pia Degermark, winner of the Cannes Film Festival's Best Actress award) and a lieutenant (Tommy Berggren) with a wife and child, forsake everything to be together and escape to the countryside—only to see their lovers' idyll gradually give way to poverty and desperation. With its painterly, sun-dappled images and indelible use of Mozart's Piano Concerto no. 21, this 1960s art-house sensation is the most ravishing expression of Widerberg's recurring theme of the tension between individual freedom and social responsibility.

Technical information and credits

Original title: Elvira Madigan
English title: Elvira Madigan
Year: 1967
Country: Sweden
Language: SV, DA
Subtitles: CZ
Running time: 91 min
Dostupnost: 15+

DVD / Blu-ray: DCP, mp4
Genre: Drama, Romantic, Biographical
Directed by: Bo Widerberg
Written by: Bo Widerberg
Edited by: Bo Widerberg
Cinematography: Jörgen Persson
Sound by: Sven Fahlén

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Awards

Cannes IFF - Best Actress - 1967
BAFTA - Nominee | Best Cinematography, Most Promising Newcomer - 1969
Golden Globes - Nominee | Best Foreign-Language Foreign Film, Most Promising Newcomer - 1968

Actors

Pia Degermark, Tommy Berggren, Lennart Malmer, Cleo Jensen

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