

Film title

Fanny and Alexander

Tagline

Short synopsis

Two young Swedish children in the 1900s experience the many comedies and tragedies of their lively and affectionate theatrical family, the Ekdahls.

Long synopsis

Set in Sweden at the turn of the century, Ingmar Bergman's semi-autobiographical story tells of young sister and brother Fanny (Pernilla Allwin) and Alexander (Bertil Guve), whose comfortable lives change dramatically when their father dies onstage during a performance of 'Hamlet'. Their mother marries a puritanical bishop and the new family move into the bishop's draughty home, where the children are mistreated and their mother becomes consumed with regrets. Through the wide eyes of ten-year-old Alexander (Bertil Guve), we witness the great delights and conflicts of the Ekdahl family—a sprawling, convivial bourgeois clan living in turn-of-the-century Sweden. Intended as Ingmar Bergman's swan song, Fanny and Alexander is the legendary filmmaker's warmest and most autobiographical film, a triumph that combines his trademark melancholy and emotional rigor with immense joyfulness and sensuality. The film won the Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film, as well as Oscars for Best Cinematography, Best Costume Design and Best Art Direction.

Technical information and credits

Original title: Fanny och Alexander
English title: Fanny and Alexander
Year: 1982
Country: France, Germany, Sweden
Language: sv, de
Subtitles: cz
Running time: 190 min
Dostupnost: 15+

DVD / Blu-ray: DCP, MP4
Genre: Drama, Historically
Directed by: Ingmar Bergman
Written by: Ingmar Bergman
Edited by: Ingmar Bergman
Cinematography: Sylvia Ingemarsson
Sound by: Daniel Bell

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Awards

Oscar - Best Foreign Language Film, Best Cinematography, Best Art Direction-Set Decoration, Best Costume Design - 1984
Venice IFF - FIPRESCI Prize - 1983
BAFTA - Best Cinematography - 1984

Actors

Bertil Guve, Pernilla Allwin, Ewa Fröling, Börje Ahlstedt, Allan Edwall, Kristina Adolphson, Siv Ericks, Kristian Almgren

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