

Film title

Faust

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Short synopsis

In this classic of silent cinema, the demon Mephisto makes a bet with an archangel that a good man's soul can be corrupted. Mephisto sets his sights on the thoughtful old alchemist Faust, who is desperately trying to save his village from a plague

Long synopsis

Based on the folk legend and dramatised by Christopher Marlowe and J.W. Goethe, this film tells the story of the scholar Faust who is tempted by Mephisto. During an argument with the archangel Gabriel, Mephisto declares that he can lead any man astray from the path to God. In order to tempt old Faustus, Mephisto has the earth ravaged by a plague. The dying people beg Faustus for help. When, despite his prayers, he receives no help from God, he seeks the devil's advice. With light and shadow photography, special effects and wild camerawork, Murnau founded the cinematic storytelling style that made this film a classic. The first film version was subjected to massive criticism and protests even before shooting began. Adapting a German "national treasure" for the new and artistically underappreciated medium of film was considered sacrilegious. However, after the premiere, the doubts of the audience and the trade press gradually disappeared. In the 1970s, Eric Rohmer hailed the film as a cinematic masterpiece and it is still considered a classic of German film history.

Technical information and credits

Original title: Faust - Eine deutsche Volkssage
English title: Faust
Year: 1926
Country: Germany
Subtitles: CZ
Running time: 116 min
Dostupnost: 12+

DVD / Blu-ray: DCP, MP4
Genre: Drama, Historically, Horror movie
Directed by: Friedrich Wilhelm Murnau
Written by: Gerhart Hauptmann, Hans Kyser
Edited by: Elfi Bötttrich
Cinematography: Carl Hoffmann



Awards

Actors

Gösta Ekman, Emil Jannings, Camilla Horn, Frida Richard, William Dieterle, Yvette Guilbert, Eric Barclay, Hanna Ralph, Werner Fuetterer

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