

Film title

Amour fou

Tagline

You think you want to live, but in fact you want to die

Short synopsis

Berlin, 1810: a young Romantic poet pines for a woman to join him in a pact to end his despair, which will be the ultimate expression of their love.

Long synopsis

Berlin, the Romantic Era. Young poet Heinrich wishes to conquer the inevitability of death through love, yet is unable to convince his sceptical cousin Marie to join him in a suicide pact. It is whilst coming to terms with this refusal, ineffably distressed by his cousin's insensitivity to the depth of his feelings, that Heinrich meets Henriette, the wife of a business acquaintance. Heinrich's subsequent offer to the beguiling young woman at first holds scant appeal, that is until Henriette discovers she is suffering from a terminal illness.

AMOUR FOU is a "romantic comedy" based loosely on the suicide of the poet Henrich von Kleist in 1811.

Technical information and credits

Original title: Amour fou

English title: Amour fou

Year: 2014

Country: Austria, Germany, Luxembourg

Language: de

Subtitles: cz

Running time: 92 min

Dostupnost: 15

Genre: Drama, History

Directed by: Jessica Hausner

Written by: Jessica Hausner

Edited by: Jessica Hausner

Cinematography: Karina Ressler

Sound by: Nicolas Tran Trong

Awards

Cannes IFF - Un Certain Regard Award - 2014

Rotterdam IFF - Limelight - 2015

Austrian Film Award - Best Screenplay, Best Editing - 2015

Actors

Birte Schnöink, Christian Friedel, Sandra Hüller, Stephan Grossmann

Films partners

