

## German Cinema Attracts All Ages With Its Diversity

German cinema was one of Hollywood's biggest competitors in the early days of filmmaking, and it's easy to see why. Germany was a top pioneer in motion picture history, with worldwide recognition in the silent film era. Again in the 1970s and the 1980s, talented directors created box-office hits.

Today, German films made by Tykwer and Nettelbeck are taking a lead. But the current Hollywood movies are also popular in Germany and you can still view the favorites at theaters throughout the country.

When you attend film festivals throughout the world, you will come upon German films, and this can be the best venue to see them. Any of the film festivals will provide you with great entertainment, such as the ones in Paris, London, Hong Kong and various cities throughout the US.

Some German movies anyone should make it a point to see are *Das Leben der Anderen* (The Lives of Others) and *Der Schuh des Manitu*, a rich western comedy. The latter broke records across Germany and stands out as a prime example of great German cinema.

Two of the most famous German films are *Lola rennt* (Run Lola Run), an international hit, and of course, *Das Boot*. Another classic is *Metropolis* by the German filmmaker Fritz Lang.

*Der Freie Wille* is a movie by the director Tykwer and stars Jürgen Vogel as a rapist. If you like moody tales, you can see *Yella*, set in East Germany among loneliness, lust and greed. This film won the Silver Bear award at the Berlinale.

German actresses make German cinema what it is today. Of course there is the famous Marlene Dietrich and Diane Kruger. Natalia Avelon is a German actress who gave a star performance in the film, *8 Miles High*. A wonderful performance she presented in this movie about a German supermodel.

Julia Jentsch is up and coming as a German actress, starring in *The Edukators* with Daniel Brühl. Sibel Kekilli debuted in *Gegen die Wand* (Head On). And then there is Franke Potente who is famous for her brilliant red hair and her role in *Run Lola Run* as well as the *Bourne* movies.

A few other German actresses that are well-known are Brigitte Helm of *Metropolis* fame and Jessica Schwartz. Schwartz starred with her real-life love, Daniel Brühl in *No Regrets*.

German actors have livened the German cinema scene for decades. The original Tarzan was, of course, Johnny Weissmüller. Jürgen Prochnow starred in *Das Boot* as the captain and has appeared in many American movies as a villain.

If you've seen *The Pianist*, you'll remember German actor Thomas Kretschmann. The star who you'll see most often in famous German films is Daniel Brühl. He's well known for his role in *Good Bye, Lenin*, which was the largest grossing film in the history of Germany.

Don't miss other German actors if you want to see some wonderful acting. You'll find great performances by the likes of Klaus Kinski and Florian Lukas. Any of their acting will impress you with its effectiveness in evoking emotion.

You can always have a great time at the German cinema, viewing the great movies of our times, enjoying popcorn and soda and experiencing some impressive acting. You can spend your evenings taking in memorable performances and being thoroughly entertained. Thus touring [German cities](#) should always include an evening at the movies.