



Germany Pale Mother (Deutschland Bleiche Mutter) A film by Helma Sanders-Brahms

Set during the Third Reich and its aftermath, this harrowing tale of love and war is a neglected classic of New German Cinema. Based on acclaimed director Helma Sanders-Brahms' mother's life, the film explores the devastating impact of war on family and relationships. It will be released for the first time in the UK by the BFI on Blu-ray and DVD on 25 May 2015. The Blu-ray edition exclusively contains a shorter theatrical cut.

Hans (Ernst Jacobi) and Lene (Eva Mattes) scarcely have time to meet and marry before Hans is sent away to fight, leaving Lene to give birth alone and struggle through the war with a newborn baby daughter.

Savaged upon its release by critics, who balked at Sanders-Brahms' bravely subjective take on recent history, *Germany Pale Mother* was heavily truncated for its limited cinema release. Now the BFI presents the film restored to its original length for the first time.

Special features on Blu-ray

- Newly remastered High Definition presentation
- Original theatrical trailer
- *Germany Pale Mother – theatrical cut* (Helma Sanders-Brahms, 1980, 123 mins): Blu-ray exclusive presentation of the shorter version
- *Hermann mein Vater* (Helma Sanders-Brahms, 1987, 57 mins): fascinating companion piece in which Sanders-Brahms accompanies her father to Normandy, where he was posted with occupying German forces in 1940-41
- Illustrated booklet with contributions by Anne Sanders, Erica Carter, Margaret Deriaz and Caren Willig; full film credits

Blu-ray product details

RRP: £19.99 / Cat. no. BFIB1205 / Cert 15

West Germany / 1980 / colour / German and French with optional English subtitles / 152 mins / aspect ratio 1.78:1 / BD50 / 1080p / 24fps / PCM mono audio (48k/24-bit)

Special features on DVD

- Newly remastered presentation of the original director's cut
- Original theatrical trailer
- *Hermann mein Vater* (Helma Sanders-Brahms, 1987, 54 mins)
- Illustrated booklet with contributions by Anne Sanders, Erica Carter, Margaret Deriaz and Caren Willig; full film credits

DVD product details

RRP: £19.99 / Cat. no. BFIV2038 / Cert 15

West Germany / 1980 / colour / German and French with optional English subtitles / 146 mins / aspect ratio 1.78:1 (16x9 enhanced) / DVD9 / Dolby Digital 1.0 mono audio (192kbps)

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