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SYNOPSIS

ALMA AND OSKAR explores the passionate and tumultuous three-year relationship between the Grand Dame of Viennese society Alma Mahler (1879-1964) and the Austrian artist and enfant terrible Oskar Kokoschka (1886-1980). In the early 1900s, Kokoschka was an up-and-coming painter, influenced by the work of Gustav Klimt yet with his own distinctive Expressionist style. Considered one of the greatest Expressionist artists of the 20th century, Kokoschka created his most famous work using Alma as a model, and the years of their relationship marked the most prodigious period in his life. A composer in her own right, Alma Mahler was a vibrant figure on Vienna's art and music scene, and by the time she started her fiery affair with Kokoschka, she had already buried her first husband, composer Gustav Mahler, and begun an on-again-off-again relationship with architect Walter Gropius. ALMA AND OSKAR is a testament to the power and perils of their passion.



DIETER BERNER

Director

Dieter Berner was born in 1944 in Vienna. He studied at the Reinhardt Seminar in Vienna and Berlin. Since 1969 he is a director for theatre and film in Austria, Germany and Switzerland, including the ALPENSAGA, a TV miniseries, for which he was awarded with numerous international awards (including Silver Nymph Monaco, the „British Academy Award“), THE LURE (Berlinale Panorama 1989) and THE IMPRISONMENT OF JOHANN NEPOMUK NESTROY (golden Romy Austria 2000). He played the male lead role in Michael Haneke's first feature film THE SEVENTH CONTINENT. Dieter Berner is a lecturer in directing, screenwriting and film acting at several international universities: dffb Berlin, Film Academy Vienna, Zurich University of the Arts, HFF Munich. From 2004 to 2009 he was Professor for film acting at the HFF Konrad Wolf in Potsdam-Babelsberg.

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DIRECTOR	Dieter Berner
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CAST	tba
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LANGUAGE	German

