



THE PIANIST

Feature, France/Germany/Poland/GB 2002

"A harrowing film about the Holocaust by Roman Polanski."

Academy Awards, USA 2003

Won, Oscar Best Actor in a Leading Role Adrien Brody
 Won, Oscar Best Writing, Adapted Screenplay Ronald Harwood
 Won, Oscar Best Director Roman Polanski

BAFTA Awards 2003

Won, David Lean Award for Direction Roman Polanski
 Won, BAFTA Film Award Best Film Roman Polanski, Robert Benmussa, Alain Sarde

Cannes Film Festival 2002

Won, Golden Palm Roman Polanski

(Another 43 wins & 42 nominations - For all other awards and cast please visit imdb.com)

Based upon: The autobiography of the same title by Polish composer Wladyslaw Szpilman, first published in Poland in 1946. Roman Polanski also escaped the Nazi's as a child in Poland (though his mother did not, dying in Auschwitz). Mr. Szpilman just died recently, on July 6th, 2000. The original title of the book, in Polish, was Death of a City. \

Premise: This is the true story of how Polish pianist Wladyslaw Szpilman (Brody) avoided being sent to the Nazi concentration camps, living and hiding in the Warsaw ghetto from 1939-1945, focusing on how he used his music to get through the horror.

Filming: Production started on this movie on February 19th, 2001, at the Studio Babelsberg Berlin on a budget of \$35 million (some location filming was also done in Warsaw, Poland).

..."The Pianist" will almost certainly restore him to world cinema limelight, though the box office impact of the Palme d'Or (or Golden Palm) is far more profound in Europe than in the United States. Still, with its \$35 million budget and extremely high production values, the film should prove an international hit with its examination of the horror -- brutally evoked, by the way -- and its ultimate positive conclusion. The Washington Post, May 27, 2002

Genre: Biography, Drama, Historical, Jewish, Musical
Length: 148 Minutes
Format: 35 mm, color
Release date: 24 May 2002 (Cannes Film Festival)
Director: Roman Polanski
Book: Wladyslaw Szpilman
Screenplay: Ronald Harwood
Cinematographer: Pawel Edelman
Editor: Hervé de Luze
Original Music: Wojciech Kilar
Production: R.P.Production
Producer: Robert Benmussa, Timothy Burrill, Roman Polanski, Daniel Champagnon, Alain Sarde
Co-producer: Gene Gutowski
Executive producer: Henning Molfenter, Lew Rywin
Associate producer: Rainer Schaper

Cast:

Adrien Brody (*Wladyslaw Szpilman*)
 Thomas Kretschmann (*Captain Wilm Hosenfeld*)
 Frank Finlay (Father)
 Maureen Lipman (Mother)
 Emilia Fox (Dorota)
 Ed Stoppard (Henryk)
 Julia Rayner (Regina)
 Jessica Kate Meyer (Halina)
 Michal Zebrowski (Jurek)
 Wanja Mues (SS Slapping Father)
 Richard Ridings (Mr. Lipa)
 Ronan Vibert (Janina's Husband)
Nina Franoszek (Polish Woman)
 Valentine Pelka (Dorota's Husband)
 Ruth Platt (Janina Godlewska)



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