

Der Himmel über Berlin

Filmdaten	
Originaltitel	Der Himmel über Berlin
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Länge	127
Altersfreigabe	FSK 6
Stab	
Regie	Wim Wenders
Drehbuch	Peter Handke Richard Reitinger Wim Wenders
Produktion	Anatole Dauman Wim Wenders
Musik	Jürgen Knieper
Kamera	Henri Alekan
Schnitt	Peter Przygodda
Besetzung	
• Bruno Ganz: Damiel • Solveig Dommartin: Marion • Otto Sander: Cassiel • Curt Bois: Homer, der alte Poet • Peter Falk: Der Filmstar • Hans-Martin Stier: Der sterbende Mann • Annelinde Gerstl: Sie	

Der Himmel über Berlin ist ein Film von Wim Wenders aus dem Jahr 1987.

Handlung

Die Engel Damiel und Cassiel treten als Beobachter der Welt, insbesondere Berlins auf. Sie können nicht in das Leben der Menschen eingreifen, können sich ihnen nicht zu erkennen geben, ihnen jedoch neuen Lebensmut einflößen. Der Wunsch, am Leben der Sterblichen teilzuhaben, ist bei Damiel so groß, dass er bereit ist, dafür auf seine Unsterblichkeit zu verzichten. Mit einer antiken Ritterrüstung als Startkapital wird er in die Welt geworfen. In einer Trapezkünstlerin, die sich scheinbar von der Erdschwere löst, findet er sein Gegenstück.

Diese Handlung wird vom Gedicht *Lied Vom Kindsein* (Peter Handke) umrahmt.

Interpretation

Neben einer Liebeserklärung an die Menschheit ist der Film eine Auseinandersetzung mit der Wirklichkeit der Bundesrepublik Deutschland in den 1980er Jahren und mit der deutschen Geschichte. Gleichzeitig ist der Film ein Zeitdokument der Berliner Stadtlandschaft, insbesondere des seinerzeit brachliegenden Gebietes am Potsdamer Platz vor dem Fall der Berliner Mauer.

Kritiken

„Eine poesievolle Liebeserklärung an das Leben, an die Sinnlichkeit und an die Begrenztheit des irdischen Daseins.“

– Lexikon des internationalen Films

„Wim Wenders' meditatives Meisterwerk ist Filmpoesie zum Träumen. In berausenden Schwarz-Weiss-Bildern und monochromen Farben verzaubern die Theater-Veteranen Otto Sander und Bruno Ganz mit intensivem Spiel. Schwebende Kamerafahrten und sinnliche Toncollagen geben diesem preisgekrönten Film eine Strahlkraft von geradezu hypnotischer Wirkung.“

– Premiere Filmredaktion

„Kamera: Henri Alekan. Das ist schon fast alles, was man Wenders' reichlich naivem und überlangen Film (Drehbuch: Peter Handke) zugute halten mag. Ein geschwätziges, von Kunstgewerbe angekränkeltes, synthetisches Stück Kino.“

– Falter

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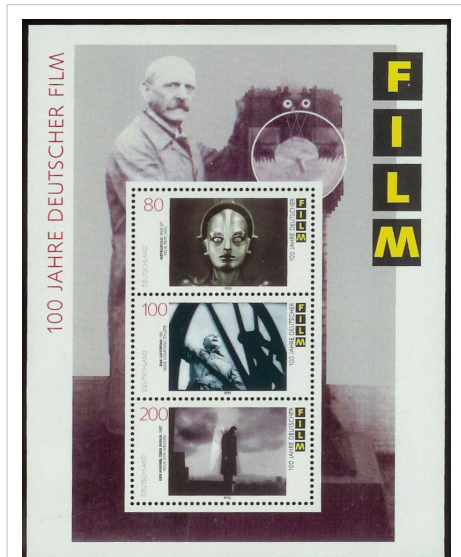
Der Himmel über Berlin gewann zahlreiche Preise. Er erhielt 1988 den Deutschen Filmpreis in Gold, den Bayerischen Filmpreis und den Europäischen Filmpreis. Auf dem Filmfestival Cannes 1987 gewann Wim Wenders den Preis für den besten Regisseur. Auf dem Filmfestival in São Paulo 1988 erhielt der Film den Publikumspreis. Er war außerdem für den César als bester ausländischer Film nominiert.

Sonstiges

1993 drehte Wim Wenders unter dem Titel *In weiter Ferne, so nah!* eine Fortsetzung mit vielen Darstellern des ersten Films, nämlich Otto Sander, Peter Falk, Horst Buchholz, Nastassja Kinski, Heinz Rühmann, Bruno Ganz, Solveig Dommartin, Rüdiger Vogler sowie Lou Reed, Willem Dafoe und Michail Gorbatschow. Der Film erreichte jedoch nicht die Beliebtheit seines Vorgängers.

1998 wurde die Geschichte als Remake unter dem Titel *Stadt der Engel* (mit Meg Ryan und Nicolas Cage) neu verfilmt.

2007, zum 20-jährigen Jubiläum, kam der Film mit neuen Kopien – auch digital – erneut ins Kino.



Szene aus *Der Himmel über Berlin* auf einer deutschen Briefmarke (1995)



Gebäude *Der Engel* des Architekten Jean Nouvel.
Mit einem Engel aus dem Film, der die Einwohner in Prag-Smíchov beobachtet.

Weblinks

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