

THE WHITE RIBBON

A film by
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(DAS WEISSE BAND)

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A village in Protestant northern Germany.



1913-1914. On the eve of World War I.



The story of the children and teenagers of a church and school choir run by the village schoolteacher, and their families: the Baron, the steward, the pastor, the doctor, the midwife, the tenant farmers.



Strange accidents occur and gradually take on the character of a punishment ritual.
Who is behind it all?



CAST

CHRISTIAN FRIEDEL (*The Schoolteacher*)

Filmography

2009 - **The White Ribbon (Das weisse Band)** by Michael Haneke

ERNST JACOBI (*The Narrator*)

LEONIE BENESCH (*Eva*)

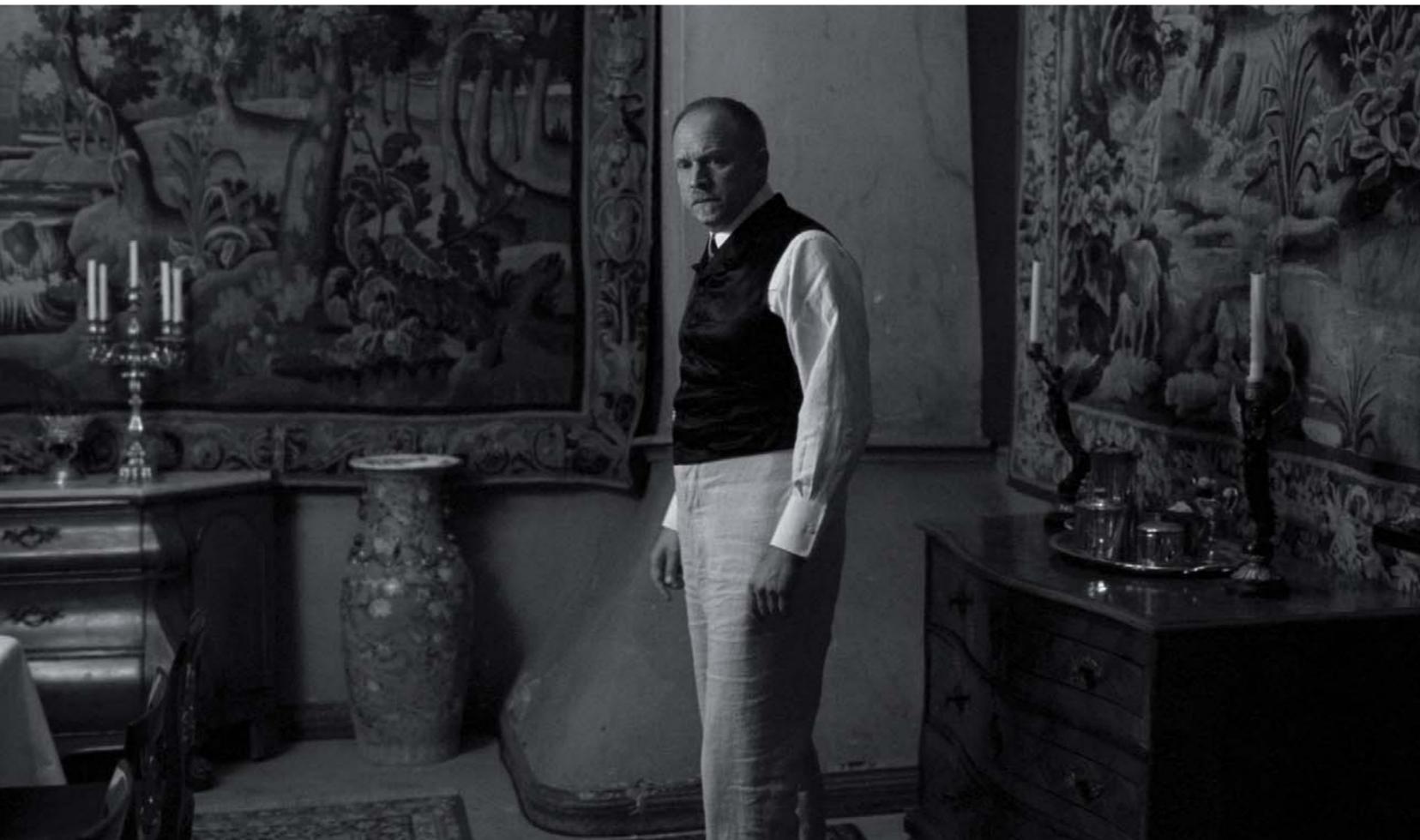
Filmography

2009 - **The White Ribbon (Das weisse Band)** by Michael Haneke

2009 - **Satte Farben vor Schwarz** by Sophie Herldmann

2009 - **Picco** by Philip Koch

2008 - **Beautiful Bitch** by Martin Theo Krieger



ULRICH TUKUR (*The Baron*)

Cinema (*Selective filmography*)

- 2009 - **The White Ribbon (Das weisse Band)** by Michael Haneke
- 2009 - **John Rabe** by Florian Gallenberger
- 2008 - **Nordwand** by Philipp Stölzl
- 2007 - **Seraphine** by Martin Provost
- 2007 - **Ein fliehendes Pferd** by Rainer Kaufmann
- 2006 - **The Lives of Others (Das Leben der anderen)** by Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck
- 2003 - **Solaris** by Steven Soderbergh
- 2002 - **Amen** by Costa-Gavras
- 2001 - **Taking sides (Taking sides - Der Fall Furtwängler)** by István Szabó
- 2000 - **Bonhoeffer : Die letzte Stunde** by Eric Till
- 1995 - **Mutters Courage** by Michael Verhoeven
- 1992 - **Die Spur des Bernsteinzimmers** by Roland Gräf
- 1986 - **Stammheim** by Reinhard Hauff
- 1982 - **Die weisse Rose** by Michael Verhoeven



URSINA LARDI (*The Baroness*)

Cinema (*Selective filmography*)

2009 - **The White Ribbon (Das weisse Band)** by Michael Haneke

2009 - **Der Kameramörder** by Robert A. Pejo

2008 - **Gabriela in Genova** by Silvia Berchtold

2007 - **Marmorera** by Markus Fischer

2006 - **KussKuss** by Sören Senn

2003 - **Die Ritterinnen** by Barbara Teufel

2001 - **Mein langsames Leben** by Angela Schanelec

2000 - **Marianne Hoppe - Die Königin** by Werner Schröter

1995 - **Love Game** by Mike Eschmann



FION MUTERT (*Sigmund, the Baron's son*)



MICHAEL KRANZ (*The Tutor*)



BURGHART KLAUSSNER (*The Pastor*)

Cinema (*Selective filmography*)

- 2009 - **The White Ribbon (Das weisse Band)** by Michael Haneke
- 2009 - **The Reader** by Stephen Daldry
- 2009 - **Murder in the theatre** by Dito Tsintsadze
- 2009 - **Ein Leben auf Probe** by David Emmenlauer
- 2009 - **Alter und Schönheit** by Michael Klier
- 2007 - **Yella** by Christian Petzold
- 2006 - **Requiem** by Hans-Christian Schmid
- 2004 - **Die fetten Jahre sind vorbei** by Hans Weingartner
- 2003 - **Good bye, Lenin!** by Wolfgang Becker
- 2000 - **Crazy** by Hans-Christian Schmid
- 1998 - **23** by Hans-Christian Schmid
- 1997 - **Rossini** by Helmut Dietl
- 1996 - **Das Superweib** by Sönke Wortmann
- 1993 - **Die Denunziantin** by Thomas Mitscherlich
- 1992 - **Kinderspiele** by Wolfgang Becker
- 1992 - **Schattenboxer** by Lars Becker
- 1991 - **Im Kreis der Lieben** by Hermine Huntgeburth
- 1984 - **Der Beginn aller Schrecken ist Liebe** by Helke Sander
- 1983 - **Ziemlich weit weg** by Dietrich Schubert



STEFFI KÜHNERT (*The Pastor's Wife*)

Cinema (*Selective filmography*)

- 2009 - **The White Ribbon (Das weiße Band)** by Michael Haneke
2009 - **Dinosaurier** by Leander Haussmann
2009 - **Der Kameramörder** by Robert A. Pejo
2008 - **Im Winter ein Jahr** by Caroline Link
2008 - **Robert Zimmermann wundert sich über die Liebe** by Leander Haussmann
2008 - **Cloud Nine (Wolke Neun)** by Andreas Dresen
2008 - **Novemberkind** by Christian Schwochow
2008 - **Die Entbehrlichen** by Andreas Arnstedt
2007 - **Die im Schatten sieht man nicht** by Frank Conrad
2007 - **Warum Männer nicht zuhören und Frauen schlecht einparken** de Leander Haussmann
2007 - **Zeit der Fische** by Heiko Aufdermauer
2007 - **Elbe** by Marco Mittelstaedt
2007 - **Im Schwitzkasten** by Eoin Moore
2005 - **NVA** by Leander Haussmann
2005 - **Die Bluthochzeit** by Dominique Deruddere
2003 - **Herr Lehmann** by Leander Haussmann
2002 - **Grillpoint (Halbe Treppe)** by Andreas Dresen
1999 - **Sonnenallee** by Leander Haussmann
1996 - **Männerpension** by Detlev Buck

Their children:

LEONARD PROXAUF (*Martin*) / **MARIA-VICTORIA DRAGUS** (*Klara*) /
LEVIN HENNING (*Adolf*) / **JOHANNA BUSSE** (*Margarete*) / **YUMA AMECKE** (*Annchen*)



MARIA-VICTORIA DRAGUS (*Klara, the Pastor's daughter*) / **LEONARD PROXAUF** (*Martin, the Pastor's son*)



THIBAUT SÉRIÉ (*Gustav, the Pastor's younger son*)



JOSEF BIERBICHLER (*The Steward*)

Cinema (*Selective filmography*)

- 2009 - **The White Ribbon (Das weisse Band)** by Michael Haneke
- 2009 - **Der Knochenmann** by Wolfgang Murnberger
- 2008 - **Im Winter ein Jahr** by Caroline Link
- 2008 - **Der Architekt** by Ina Weisse
- 2006 - **Winter journey (Winterreise)** by Hans Steinbichler
- 2003 - **Hierankl** by Hans Steinbichler
- 2000 - **Abschied - Brechts letzter Sommer** by Jan Schütte
- 2000 - **Code Unknown (Code inconnu)** by Michael Haneke
- 1997 - **Les rêveurs (Winterschläfer)** by Tom Tykwer
- 1997 - **Picasso in München** by Herbert Achternbusch
- 1993 - **Die tödliche Maria** by Tom Tykwer
- 1988 - **Wohin?** by Herbert Achternbusch
- 1983 - **Mitten ins Herz** by Doris Dörrie
- 1982 - **Das Gespenst** by Herbert Achternbusch
- 1980 - **Der Neger Erwin** by Herbert Achternbusch
- 1979 - **Der Komantsche** by Herbert Achternbusch
- 1979 - **Woyzeck** by Werner Herzog
- 1977 - **Bierkampf** by Herbert Achternbusch
- 1977 - **Servus Bayern** by Herbert Achternbusch
- 1976 - **Heart of Glass (Herz aus Glas)** by Werner Herzog
- 1975 - **Die Atlantikschwimmer** by Herbert Achternbusch



ENNO TREBS / THEO TREBS (*Georg & Ferdinand, the Steward's sons*)



JANINA FAUTZ (*Erna, the Steward's daughter*)



RAINER BOCK (*The Doctor*)

Cinema (*Selective filmography*)

2009 - **The White Ribbon (Das weisse Band)** by Michael Haneke

2009 - **Inglourious basterds** by Quentin Tarantino

2008 - **Im Winter ein Jahr** by Caroline Linko

2000 - **Jetzt oder nie** by Lars Büchel

1997 - **4 Geschichten über 5 Tote** by Lars Büchel



SUSANNE LOTHAR (*The Midwife*)

Cinema (*Selective filmography*)

- 2009 - **The White Ribbon (Das weiße Band)** by Michael Haneke
- 2009 - **The Reader** by Stephen Daldry
- 2008 - **Die österreichische Methode** by Gerrit Lucas
- 2008 - **Fleisch ist mein Gemüse** by Christian Görlitz
- 2006 - **Madonnen** by Maria Speth
- 2005 - **Unter dem Eis** by Aelrun Goette
- 2005 - **Schneeland** by Herbert Geissendörfer
- 2001 - **The Piano teacher (La pianiste)** by Michael Haneke
- 1997 - **Funny Games** by Michael Haneke
- 1996 - **Engelchen** by Helke Misselwitz
- 1992 - **Der Berg** by Marcus Imhoof
- 1990 - **Winckelmanns Reisen** by Jan Schütte
- 1983 - **Eisenhans** by Tankred Dorst



ROXANE DURAN (*Anna, the Doctor's daughter*)



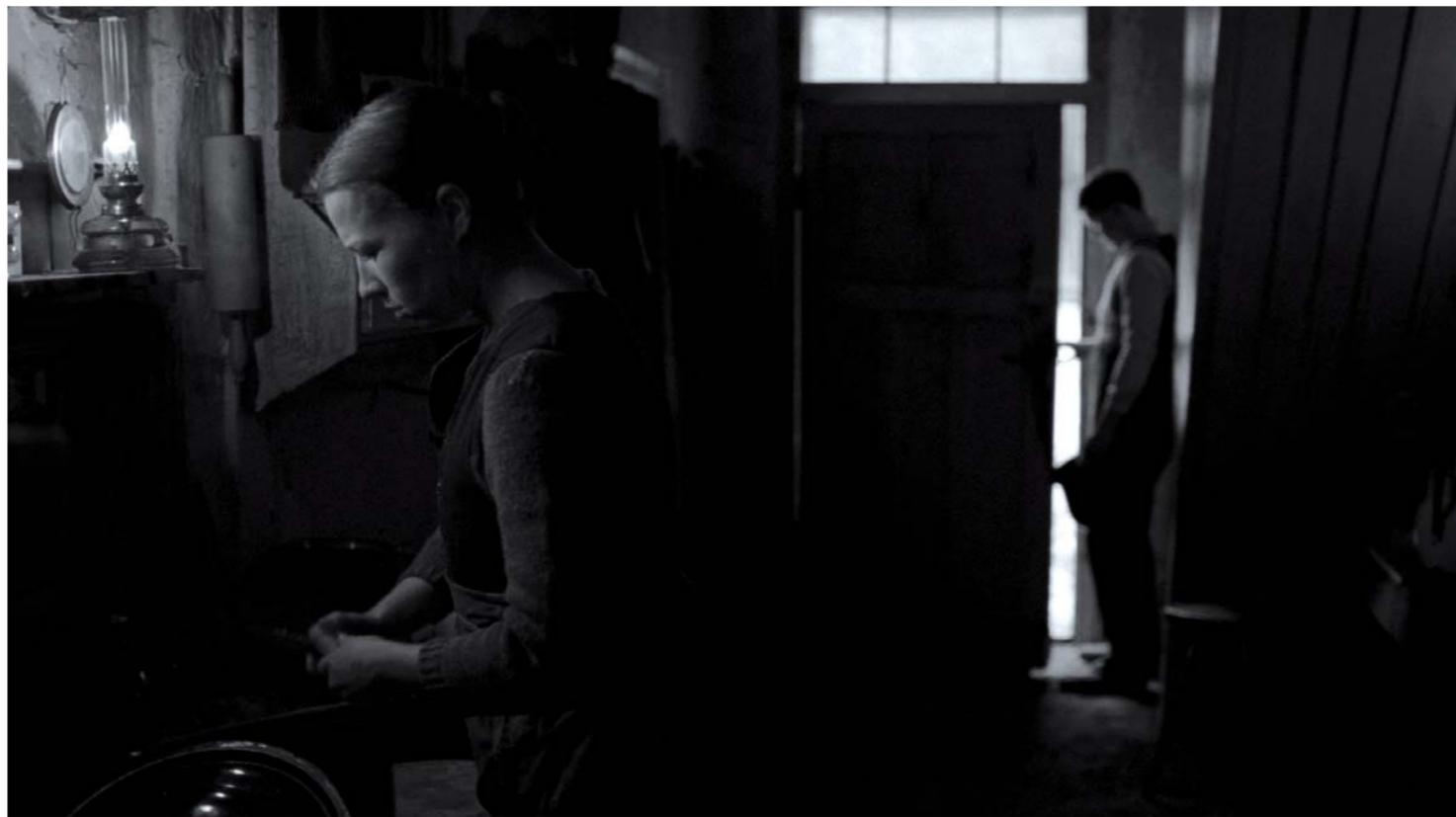
MILJAN CHATELAIN (*Rudolf, the Doctor's son*) / **EDDY GRAHL** (*Karli, the Midwife's son*)



BRANKO SAMAROVSKI (*The Farmer*)

Cinema (*Selective filmography*)

- 2009 - **The White Ribbon** (**Das weisse Band**) by Michael Haneke
- 2008 - **Nordwand** by Philipp Stölzl
- 2008 - **Die Entdeckung der Currywurst** by Ulla Wagner
- 2008 - **Lekcje pana Kuki** by Dariusz Gajewski
- 2008 - **Karo und der Liebe Gott** by Danielle Proskar
- 2005 - **Oktobertfest** by Johannes Brunner
- 2004 - **Time of the wolf** (**Le Temps du Loup**) by Michael Haneke
- 2004 - **Ravioli** by Peter Payer
- 2001 - **Untersuchung an Mädeln** by Peter Payer
- 1995 - **71 Fragments of a Chronology of a Chance** (**71 Fragmente einer Chronologie des Zufalls**) de Michael Haneke



BIRGIT MINICHMAYR (*Frieda, the Farmer's daughter*) / **KAI MALINA** (*Karl, the Farmer's son*)



SEBASTIAN HÜLK (*Max, the Farmer's son*)



AARON DENKEL (*Kurti, the Farmer's son*)



KRISTINA KNEPPEK (*Else*) / **STEPHANIE AMARELL** (*Sophie*) / **BIANCA MEY** (*Paula*) / **MIKA AHRENS** (*Willi*)
(*The Farmer's other children*)



DETLEV BUCK (*Eva's father*)

Actor (Selective filmography)

- 2009 - **The White Ribbon (Das weisse Band)** by Michael Haneke
- 2009 - **Contact High** by Michael Glawogger
- 2008 - **Robert Zimmermann wundert sich über die Liebe** by Leander Haussmann
- 2008 - **Der Mond und andere Liebhaber** by Bernd Böhlich
- 2008 - **Die Geschichte vom Brandner Kaspar** by Joseph Vilsmaier
- 2007 - **Midsummer Madness** by Alexander Hahn
- 2005 - **NVA** by Leander Haussmann
- 2004 - **Mein Name ist Bach** by Dominique de Rivaz
- 2003 - **Herr Lehmann** by Leander Haussmann
- 2000 - **Sonnenallee** by Leander Haussmann
- 1996 - **Männerpension** by Detlev Buck
- 1995 - **Küss mich** by Maris Pfeiffer
- 1994 - **Alles auf Anfang** by Reinhard Münster

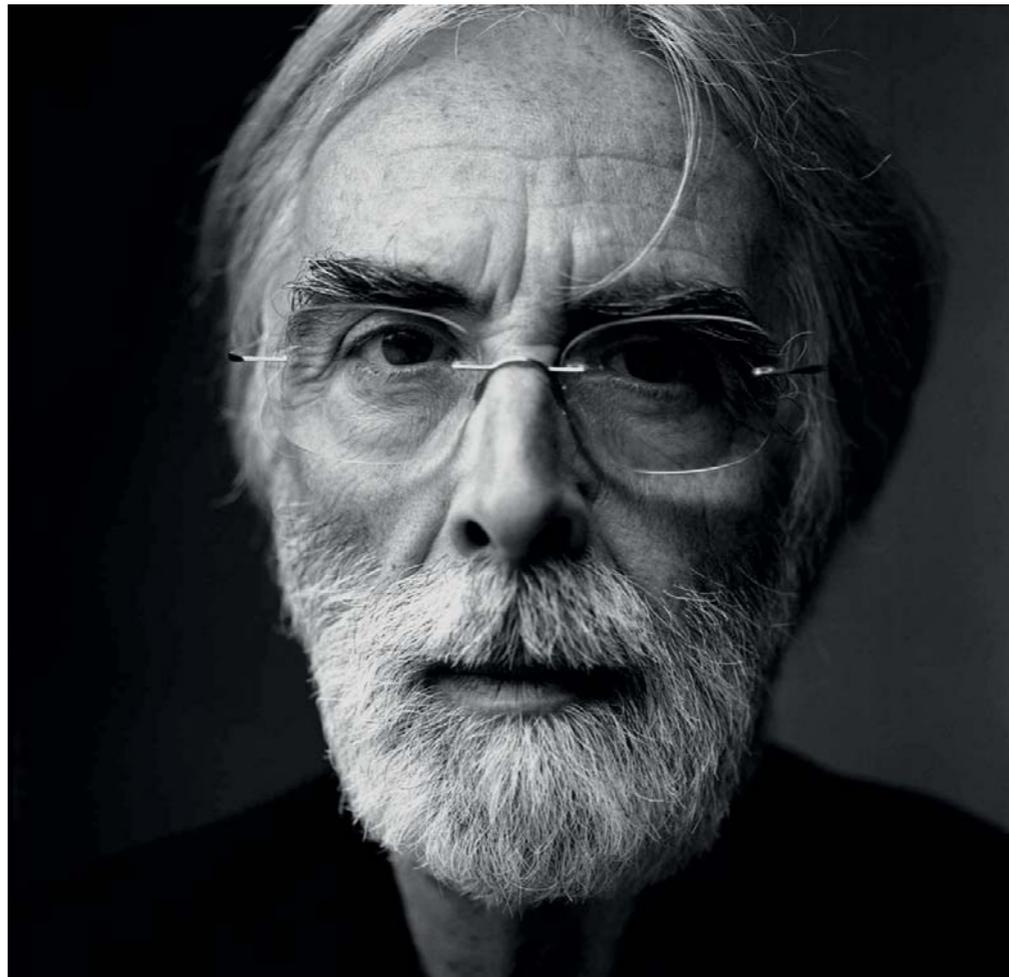


EVA'S SEVEN BROTHERS AND SISTERS



THE CLASSROOM





MICHAEL HANEKE

Born in 1942

Studies of philosophy, psychology and theatre in Vienna

1967-1970 Playwright with Südwestfunk (ARD)

Since 1970 freelance director and screenplay writer

Theatre productions in Stuttgart, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Munich, Berlin and Vienna

Filmography

- 1974 **After Liverpool** (TV) - director & screenplay (based on a radio play by James Saunders)
- 1975 **Sperrmüll** (TV) - director
- 1976 **Three paths to the lake (Drei Wege zum See)** (TV) - director & screenplay
(based on the novel by Ingeborg Bachmann)
- 1979 **Lemmings (Lemminge)** (TV) - director & screenplay (part 1: Arkadien / part 2: Verletzungen)
- 1982 **Variation** (TV) - director & screenplay
- 1984 **Qui était Edgar Allan ? (Wer war Edgar Allan?)** (TV) - director & screenplay
(based on the novel by Peter Rosei)
- 1985 **Fraulein** (TV) - director & screenplay (based on an idea by Bernd Schroeder)
- 1988 **The Seventh Continent (Der Siebente Kontinent)** - director & screenplay
Directors' Fortnight, Cannes 1989 - Bronze Leopard, International Film Festival Locarno 1989 - Prize for best application of music and sound in film, Ghent 1989 - Prize for the distribution of quality films in Belgium, Brussels 1989 - Österreichischer Würdigungspreis für Filmkunst (donated by the Ministry of Education & Arts)
- 1991 **Orbituary for a murderer (Nachruf für einen Mörder)** (TV) - director & screenplay
Special Award donated by the Ministry of Education and Arts

1991/1992 **Benny's video** - director & screenplay
Directors' Fortnight, Cannes 1992 - Fipresci Award, Thessaloniki 1992 - Wiener Filmpreis 1992 - Jury Prize for the best Lightning Work - (Festival de L'Images de Film, Chalon sur Saône) - Fipresci Award, European Film Award 1993 - Goldener Kader for Best Feature Film, 1994

1992 **The Rebellion (Die Rebellion)** (TV) - director & screenplay
 (based on the novel by Joseph Roth)
Goldener Kader for Best TV-Film, 1994 - Fernsehpreis der österreichischen Volksbildung, 1994 Fernsehspielpreis der deutschen Akademie der darstellenden Künste 1994

1993/1994 **71 fragments of a chronology of chance (71 Fragmente einer Chronologie des Zufalls)**
 director & screenplay
Directors' Fortnight, Cannes 1994 - Golden Hugo Award, Film Festival Chicago, 1994 - Festival Internacional de Cinema Fantástico de Sitges 1994 - Preis für besten Film (best Film) - Preis für bestes Drehbuch (best Script) - Kritikerpreis

1996/1997 **The Castle (Das Schloss)** (TV) - director & screenplay (based on the novel by Franz Kafka)
Television Prize, Austrian Federation of National Education 1998

1997 **Funny Games** - scénario et réalisation
In Competition, Cannes 1997 - Silver Hugo Award Chicago Film Festival 1997 - Fipresci Award, Flanders International Film Festival, 1997 - 13^{me} Prix Très Spécial Communiqué de Presse, Paris 1997 - Konrad-Wolf-Preis für sein Gesamtwerk donated by Academy of Arts, Berlin 1998

1999/2000 **Code Unknown (Code inconnu)** director & screenplay
In Competition, Cannes 2000 - Ecumenical Jury Prize

2000/2001 **The Piano Teacher (La Pianiste)** - director & screenplay (based on the novel by Elfriede Jelinek)
In Competition, Cannes 2001: Grand Jury Prize, Best Actress Award: Isabelle Huppert, Best Actor Award: Benoît Magimel" - European Actress 2001: Isabelle Huppert in the Piano Teacher by Michael Haneke, European Film Awards, Berlin 2001 - César for the Best Supporting Actress: Annie Girardot,

Paris 2002 - Critics Award for the best Foreign Film, Moscow Kinotawr 2002 - Best Actress Award: Isabelle Huppert, Moscow Kinotawr 2002 - ROMY 2002, Best Austrian Feature Film, Vienna 2002 - German Film Award for Best Foreign Film, Berlin 2002 - Best Actress Award: Isabelle Huppert, Seattle Film Festival 2002

2002 **Time of the Wolf (Le temps du loup)** - director & screenplay
Official Selection, Cannes 2003 - Best Film, Festival International de Cinema Sitges 2003 - Critics' Price, Festival International de Cinema Sitges 2003

2004 **Hidden (Caché)** - director & screenplay
Official Selection, Cannes 2005: Director's Prize, Critics Prize, Ecumenical Jury Prize - International Film Camera Festival Manaki Brothers; Skopje 2005: International Critics Jury Award Audience Award for Christian Berger - Eurimages Award, Festival de Cine, Sevilla 2005 - European Film Award, Berlin 2005: Best European Film - Best European Director - Best European Actor, Daniel Auteuil - Fipresci Award (Europäischer Preis der Filmkritik) - Best Editing, Michael Hudecek & Nadine Muse - Best Foreign Language Film Los Angeles Film Critics Association - San Francisco Film Critics Circle Awards: Best Foreign Film - Nomination for Best Foreign Language Film by the Broadcast Film Critics Association - Crystal Simorgh Prize for the most Popular Film, 24th Fajr International Film Festival - Best Screenplay, Académie des Lumières - Zlota Tasma (Goldenes Filmband) for the best foreign Film in Poland 2005, Association des Cinéastes Polonais - Certified Fresh Rotten Tomatoes (with a rating of 89%, Caché is among the best reviewed films of the year - Official Selection/Closing Night, NewYork Film Festival n°43 2005 - Grosser Diagonale - Preis for the best Austrian Feature Film 2005/2006 - Prix spécial du Jury International, Durban International Film Festival - Goldener Kader for Christian Berger, Vienna 2005 - Meeting Point Europe Award, International film Festival Cinematik Piest'any 2006 - Best Screenplay Prize, Pyongyang International Film Festival 2006 - Best Foreign Independent Film, 9th Annual British Independent Film Awards 2006

2006/07 **Funny Games U.S** - director & screenplay

CAST

The Schoolteacher..... **Christian FRIEDEL**
 The Narrator..... **Ernst JACOBI**
 Eva..... **Leonie BENESCH**

The Baron..... **Ulrich TUKUR**
 Marie-Louise, the Baroness..... **Ursina LARDI**
 Sigmund..... **Fion MUTERT**
 The Tutor..... **Michael KRANZ**

The Pastor..... **Burghart KLAUSSNER**
 Anna, his wife..... **Steffi KÜHNERT**
 Klara..... **Maria-Victoria DRAGUS**
 Martin..... **Leonard PROXAUF**
 Adolf..... **Levin HENNING**
 Margarete..... **Johanna BUSSE**
 Annchen..... **Yuma AMECKE**
 Gustav..... **Thibault SÉRIÉ**

The Steward..... **Josef BIERBICHLER**
 Emma, his wife..... **Gabriela Maria SCHMEIDE**
 Erna..... **Janina FAUTZ**
 Georg..... **Enno TREBS**
 Ferdinand..... **Theo TREBS**

The Doctor..... **Rainer BOCK**
 The Midwife..... **Susanne LOTHAR**
 Anna..... **Roxane DURAN**
 Rudolf..... **Miljan CHATELAIN**
 Karli..... **Eddy GRAHL**

The Farmer..... **Branko SAMAROVSKI**
 Frieda..... **Birgit MINICHMAYR**
 Max..... **Sebastian HÜLK**
 Karl..... **Kai MALINA**
 Else..... **Kristina KNEPPEK**
 Sophie..... **Stephanie AMARELL**
 Paula..... **Bianca MEY**
 Kurti..... **Aaron DENKEL**
 Willi..... **Mika AHRENS**

Eva's father..... **Detlev BUCK**
 Eva's mother..... **Anne-Kathrin GUMMICH**

The Schoolchildren..... **Luzie AHRENS**
Gary BESTLA
Leonard BOES
Sophie CZECH

The Schoolchildren..... **Paraschiva DRAGUS**
Selina EWALD
Nora GRULER
Tim GUDERJAHN
Jonas JENNERJAHN
Ole JOENSSON
Gerrit LANGENTEPE
Lena PANKOW
Sebastian PAULI
Franz REWOLDT
Kevin SCHMOLINSKI
Alexander SEDL
Nino SEIDE
Marvin Ray SPEY
Malin STEFFEN
Lilli TREBS
Paul WOLF
Margarete ZIMMERMANN

Bathing midwife..... **Carmen-Maja ANTONI**
 A Policeman..... **Christian KLISCHAT**

Criminal Police Officers..... **Michael SCHENK**
Hanus POLAK jr.

A Footman..... **Vincent KRÜGER**
 The Italian Nanny..... **Sara SCHIVAZAPPA**
 A Workman..... **Rüdiger HAUFFE**

Farmers..... **Arndt SCHWERING-SOHNREY**
Florian KÖHLER

The Foreign harvesters..... **Sebastian LACH**
Marcin TYROL
Sebastian BADUREK
Krysiak ZARZECKI
Sebastian PAWLAK

The Girls at harvest feast..... **Lilli FICHTNER**
Amelie LITWIN
Paula KALINSKI

The Farmhand..... **Marissa GROWALDT**

The Brass Band musicians..... **Matthias LINKE**
Vladik OTARYAN
Peter MÖRIKE
Hans-Matthias GLASSMANN

CREW

Written and directed by..... **Michael HANEKE**
Consultant on screenplay **Jean-Claude CARRIÈRE**
Cinematographer..... **Christian BERGER aac**
Sound..... **Guillaume SCIAMA,
Jean-Pierre LAFORCE**
Editor..... **Monika WILLI**
Set Designer..... **Christoph KANTER**
Costume Designer..... **Moidele BICKEL**
Production Manager..... **Ulli NEUMANN**
Executive Producer..... **Michael KATZ**

Produced by..... **Stefan ARNDT**
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(Wega Film - Vienna)
Margaret MENEGOZ
(Les Films du Losange - Paris)
Andrea OCCHIPINTI
(Lucky Red - Rome)

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