



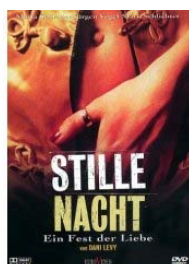
SILENT NIGHT (STILLE NACHT)
Features - Germany/ Switzerland 1995/1996

PLOT DESCRIPTION

Dusk is falling. It is the beginning of Christmas Eve. Julia, an art student in her late twenties, is at home by herself. She has been living together with the policeman Christian for several years. However, their relationship seems to be under threat after Julia fell in love with Frank, an attractive barman. Christian, who finds it difficult to put up with this situation, escapes for the holiday period to his parents. Julia, by herself for the first time, decides that she will end her affair with Frank this evening. Frank, on the other hand, considers Christmas Eve a good time to finally confess his love to Julia.

It is against this background that Christian starts a macabre game in a night that will plumb the blackest depths of the human soul. To put Julia under emotional pressure, he feigns a bad car accident on the phone. Frank exposes his lie. Hurt to the quick, Julia does an about-turn. She wants to take revenge on Christian. While talking on the phone with him, she makes love to Frank. The three protagonists fight within their own private microcosm for pleasure and life and, over the course of one night, undertake an erotic adventure far beyond the pain threshold.

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Official German Entry at the Berlinale 1996
(in competition)
Special Mention at the Berlinale 1996
Bavarian Film Award 1997 for Best Cinematography
Bavarian Film Award 1997 for Best Music

Genre: Drama, Romance
Format: 35 mm, color
Runtime: 83 Minutes
Theatrical Release: April 4, 1996
TV Airdate: 28.04.1997, Arte
(Germany/France)

Director: Dani Levy, **Co-Dir.:** Maria Schrader
Writer: Maria Schrader, Klaus Chatten
Cinematographer: Carl F. Koschnik
Composer: Niki Reiser
Production: X Filme Creative Pool GmbH (Berlin); Fool Film (Berlin); Fama-Film AG (Bern)
Producer: Stefan Arndt; Dani Levy; Rolf Schmid; Gebhard Henke; Andreas Schreitmüller; Martin Schmassmann
Distribution: Buena Vista Germany, X Filme creative pool

Cast:

Maria Schrader	(Julia)
Jürgen Vogel	(Frank)
Mark Schlichter	(Christian)
Ingrid Caven	(Sängerin)
Maurice Lamy	(Page)
Adisat Semenitsch	(Katja)
Nina Franoszek	(anchor woman)
Gerd Wameling	(Guest)
Katharina Thalbach	(Guest)
Inga Busch	(Guest)
Dale	(Baby)
Jenny Lau	(Girl with Trumpet)
Ubi Ferguson	(2. servant)
Alexander Alexandrow	(musician)
Stoyan Maltshew	(musician)
Dimitar Kovatschef	(musician)
Hawk	(dog)