

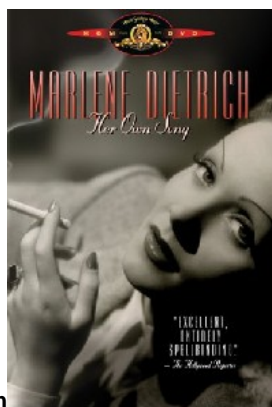


**MARLENE DIETRICH – HER OWN SONG**  
Biopic, Germany/ USA 2001

**Marlene: Her Own Song (TCM, Dec. 11. 2001):** The legendary Marlene Dietrich would have turned 100 in December, and this world premiere documentary—directed by her grandson, J. David Riva—examines her amazing achievements and personal struggles.

Narrated by Jamie Lee Curtis and with **Nina Franoszek** in the title role, “Marlene Dietrich: Her Own Song” is a wonderful look at a complex woman, who offered the world much more than a smile and a song.

Countless films have exhausted - or seems - the glamorous life-story of Marlene Dietrich. Books claim to have explored every detail of the actress and to have captured every nuance of the woman. Yet the real story of what motivated the German-born star to exchange Hollywood for the European war front, remains largely unknown. Her Own Song challenges the unexplored controversy of Marlene's political mission and invites the audience to a roller-coaster-ride of political intrigue, artistic achievement and uncompromising emotions...



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**International Festival Screenings:** Berlin 2002 (Panorama), Sydney 2002

**Genre:** Biopic

**Category:** Documentary Cinema & TV

**Length:** 100 Minutes

**Format:** 35 mm, color

**Original Version:** English/German/French

**Airdate:** TCM, dec 27, 2001, 8PM

**Director:** J. David Riva

**Screenplay:** Karin Kearns

**Directors of Photography:** Adolfo Bartoli, Uli Kudicke

**Editor:** Katharina Schmidt

**Music:** Gernot Rothenbach

**Production Company:** Gemini Filmproduktion, Cologne, in co-production with APG, Los Angeles, Apollo Media, Potsdam, Talent Network Media, Berlin, in cooperation with ORB, Potsdam, Turner, Atlanta, United Artists, Los Angeles

**Producer:** Tom Brown, Frank Huebner, Karin Kearns, Sabine Mueller, H.W. Pausch, David Riva, Melissa Roller, Gerhard Schmidt

**With backing from:** Filmboard Berlin-Brandenburg

**German Distributor:** Salzgeber & Co. Medien GmbH, Berlin

**World Sales:** Celluloid Dreams, Paris

**Principal Cast:**

with Maria Riva, Volker Schlöndorff, Nicholas von Sternberg, Burt Bacharach, Beate Klarsfeld, Hildegard Knef.

**Voice of Marlene Dietrich (English Version):**  
**Nina Franoszek**

Voice of Marlene Dietrich (German Version):  
Hanna Schygulla

Narrator (English Version): Jamie Lee Curtis

Narrator (German version): Volker Reisch