



12 MEANS I LOVE YOU (a.k.a. "Heisst Ich Liebe Dich")

"12 Means I Love You" is a highly controversial & award winning German TV Movie that had its World Premiere October 27th, 2007 at the International Film Festival in Hof.



Synopsis:

Accused of intelligence with the West, Bettina is arrested in 1984 and presented to a young Stasi officer, Jan, for questioning. They meet almost daily for six months in interrogation sessions. In time, the incredible happens: they fall in love. With a few words and gestures, and using a code devised by Bettina, they manage to communicate: 11 means "you are beautiful", 12, "I love you." They constantly run the risk of being discovered. Then they are separated. Bettina is sentenced and is sent to Hoheneck prison for three years before being deported to the West. By the time the GDR collapses, Jan has worked his way up to the rank of major. Years later, Bettina, who now works as a guide showing visitors around the former Stasi prison, now a memorial, tracks down her interrogator. He is married with a daughter and now works for a logistics company. When they meet again, the improbable happens once more...

Book: 12 MEANS I LOVE YOU - The Stasi Officer and The Dissident, A true story. Only in German:

Zwölf heißt 'Ich liebe dich'. Der Stasi-Offizier und die Dissidentin (Gebundene Ausgabe) Verlag: Kiepenheuer & Witsch; 2003
<http://www.amazon.de/Zwölf-heißt-liebe-Stasi-Offizier-Dissidentin/dp/3462032232>

"Based on a true story "The film, continues where "The Life of others" (Foreign Oscar winner 2007) ended. There has not been a German film yet where a "Stasi - man" explains what he did and why he did it" (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung)



Nina Franoszek as the Memorial Director

Genre: TV Movie
Format: 16 mm. Color
Runtime: 1 h 30 mn
TV- Airdate: April 16th, 2008, ARD

Director: Connie Walther
Script: Scarlett Kleint
based on: Regina Kaiser, Uwe Karlstedt
Cinematographer: Peter Nix
Sound: Jochen Hergersberg, Mirko Höpfner
Editor: Sabine Brose
Producer: Norbert Sauer, Cornelia Wecker
TV Producer: Karl-Heinz Staamann, MDR

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Cast:

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Claudia Michelsen (Bettina)
Michael Krabbe (Andreas)
Winnie Böwe (Sabine)
Nina Franoszek (Memorial Director)
Luise Helm (Kati)
Roland May (Head of Special Section Ministry of State Security)

