

## NEWSLETTER 1, MARCH 2000

As the centenary of Marlene Dietrich is rapidly approaching we are starting a newsletter to keep you informed about what is happening in Dietrichiana; we will also give you some hints how to detect informations and misinformations given in books, newspapers and media.

As this newsletter is conceived in Berlin our data sheets are mainly retrieved from german speaking sources. It is up to you to keep the readers of this newsletter informed about what is going on in your country and to give the newsletter a broader perspective. Messages, questions or informations may be send to [mdcb@kinemathek.de](mailto:mdcb@kinemathek.de). All senders of e-mails may be prepared to see their e-mail published, though we are not obliged to do so.

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The newsletter will not be published on a regular basis, but whenever there is enough information coming in.

### **News section**

#### **Bio-Pic:**

"Marlene - Der Film", the german feature film on the life of MD, is having its world-premiere at the Cine-Star (Sony Center) in Berlin, March 7th. General release will be March 9th. Director, cinematographer and executive producer is Joseph Vilsmaier; Katja Flint is playing Marlene and singing her songs. Most of the critics are not in favour; but it will be up to the public to decide if the film is going to be a success or not. Production budget: 9 Million Dollars.

#### **Merchandising:**

A lot of merchandising articles are sold in conjunction with "Marlene-Der Film". Though it may be stated wrongly by some manufactures, none of these merchandising articles are reproductions of original items from MD or MDCB.

#### **Documentary:**

ZDF (Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen) is showing a new documentary on March 5th, 10.45 pm. Director is Claudia Bissinger, statements are given by Hildegard Knef, Johannes Mario Simmel, Maria Riva and others.

#### **Books:**

Steven Bach: Marlene Dietrich. Die Wahrheit ueber mich gehoert mir. Econ Ullstein List Verlag, Muenchen, Februar 2000. Paperback edition of hard cover : Marlene Dietrich. Life and Legend

Adolf Heinzlmeier: Marlene. Die Biografie. Europa Verlag: Hamburg/ Wien, Januar 2000

Christian Pfannenschmidt/ Joseph Vilsmaier: Marlene. Der Film. Herausgegeben von Alfred Holighaus. Europa Verlag: Hamburg/ Wien, Januar 2000. Includes a preface by Christian Pfannenschmidt, formerly published in the magazin "Stern", Hamburg, Nr. 10/1999, Millenium-Beilage. The script of the film. An article by Alfred Holighaus: Normal ist, wenn es verrueckt ist. Film credits. Stills of "Marlene. Der Film".

#### **Articles:**

Fiona Ehlers: Shit! Kitsch! Quatsch!.In: SPIEGEL reporter ,Hamburg, 03/2000

Famous quotes of MD on Meryl Streep, Jean Paul Belmondo, Liz Taylor, Madonna and Michael Jackson.

Marlene. In: amica, Hamburg, 03/2000

A photo study of Katja Flint as Marlene Dietrich, photographed by Sheila Metzner. Presenting products by ESCADA, LA PERLA, WOLFORD etc.

We have not checked it yet but there may be more informations on these products on the web pages of the companies.

#### **Internet:**

[www.marlene-derfilm.de](http://www.marlene-derfilm.de)

[www.geocities.com/Hollywood/Bungalow/1089](http://www.geocities.com/Hollywood/Bungalow/1089)

Music:

Bryan Ferry: As Times goes by. Virgin Records. 1999

Features Bryan Ferry singing Falling In Love Again and other MD standards.

### **Tourist information**

Berlin:

The house, where Marlene was born: Berlin, Leberstrasse 65 (formerly Sedanstrasse 53)

How to get there:

U 7 station Kleistpark then by Bus 187 stop Leuthener Strasse. There is a plaque on the wall of the house. It is just an ordinary house in Schöneberg.

Cemetery: Stubenrauchstraße 43-45. On the same cemetery is also the grave of Marlene's mother, Josephine von Losch.

How to go there:

U-Bahn 9 or S-Bahn 45 or 46 station Bundesplatz.

Museum: The "Filmmuseum Berlin - Deutsche Kinemathek" will open in September at Potsdamer Platz 2. This museum is devoted to film history, part of it being Marlene Dietrich. There will be a big section with MD items on display.

MDCB: The collection itself is housed at Streitstraße 15 - 17. It is open to researchers, journalists etc. Monday to Friday, 11 am till 5 pm. Guided tours are possible for members of this e-mail club. Please announce your coming at least one week ahead. A small contribution is welcome as the archivists take their time to satisfy your curiosity.

### **Collectors Corner**

Dietrichiana are always on sale at ebay

<http://search.ebay.com/search/search.dll?MfcISAPICommand=GetResult&ht=1&query=Marlene+Dietrich&SortProperty=MetaEndSort>

### **Historical section**

The "Blue Angel" will have its 70th anniversary of the world premiere on April 1, 2000.

A chronological survey on the production of the "Blue Angel" is now to be read at:

<http://www.marlene.com/news-views/news.html#doc2>. Pictures may be added later on.

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