



Kafka
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SEASON

PROGRAMME

29 May - 31 December 2024

STEP INTO THE
LABYRINTHINE
CORRIDORS
OF KAFKA'S
IMAGINATION AS
WE HONOUR THE
CENTENARY OF
HIS LEGACY WITH
THOUGHT-
PROVOKING
EVENTS,
PERFORMANCES,
AND EXHIBITIONS
IN LONDON.

Co-organised by

austrian cultural forum^{lon}



PROGRAMME

FILM Wednesday \ 29 May \ 7:00pm \ Austrian Cultural Forum

The Castle

Michael Haneke

Austria 1997

123 min, in German with English subtitles



Michael Haneke's adaptation follows the story of a land surveyor trying to access a castle in a snow-covered Austrian village. As he struggles to navigate the labyrinthine complexities of the village and the impenetrable castle administration, his attempts to gain access become increasingly pointless.

FILM Monday \ 10 June \ 6:00pm \ Ciné Lumière

The Trial

Orson Welles

France/Italy/West Germany 1962

118 min, in English



Convicted without ever being informed of his alleged crime, Josef K is subjected to the relentless machinery of bureaucracy, law and legal process. As he navigates the complex layers of the process and encounters mysterious judges, his certainty of innocence begins to fade.

FILM Thursday \ 13 June \ 7:00pm \ Austrian Cultural Forum

The Tenant

Roman Polanski

France 1976

126 min, in English and French with English subtitles



Trelkovsky, an Eastern European émigré, moves into a typical Parisian apartment block and soon his neighbours begin to eye him with suspicion. When he discovers that the apartment's previous tenant has jumped out of the window, Trelkovsky becomes paranoid that he may be the next victim.

EXHIBITION 19 June - 4 October \ 12 Star Gallery @ Europe House

Co-organised by the European Parliament Liaison Office in the UK, the Goethe-Institut, the Austrian Cultural Forum and the Czech Centre.

2 September - 30 November \ Goethe-Institut London

Komplett Kafka

The exhibition *Komplett Kafka* shows excerpts from the biographical comic of Kafka's life and work written and drawn by Nicolas Mahler. The exhibition allows visitors to immerse themselves in Kafka's world on the 100th anniversary of his death.



EDUCATION 19 and 26 September, 10 October \ Goethe-Institut London

Special German Days: Komplett Kafka

School groups are invited to come to the Goethe-Institut for a whole day of Kafka-themed activities, including an interactive workshop, visit to the exhibition *Komplett Kafka*, quiz and film screening.

Scan to book.



LITERATURE Tuesday 1 October \ 7:00pm \ Austrian Cultural Forum



Completely Kafka

Celebrated Austrian comic artist and illustrator Nicolas Mahler and translator Alexander Booth present *Completely Kafka*, a unique graphic biography full of Mahler's masterful minimalism and humour, exploring the mysteries surrounding Kafka's work.

EXHIBITION November - December \ Public space, Czech Centre & Czech Embassy

Jaromír 99: The Castle

Immerse yourself in the world of Franz Kafka's *The Castle* through an open-air exhibition showcasing the black & white prints of Czech illustrator and musician, Jaromír 99. From the solitary figure of K. to the ethereal presence of the chateau looming in the clouds, the exhibition captures the essence of Kafka's surreal universe.



Magdalena Platzová: Life After Kafka



A novel inspired by Felice Bauer, Franz Kafka's first fiancée, and the story behind *Letters to Felice*. It begins in 1935 as Felice flees with her children from Hitler's Berlin. Years later, a man claiming to be Kafka's son approaches Felice's son in Manhattan and the drama surrounding Kafka's letters to Felice begins. Platzová uses humour to explore the mysteries surrounding Kafka's work.

Jan Komárek & Honza Malík: Insectum K.

A dance for one man, one table, one chair, one light and one sound. A half-naked body and its groping way across the table top, illuminated by a single light bulb, that speaks to us about man's fragility, transience and the unpredictability of his existence...

Inspired by *The Metamorphosis*.



Kafka Goes to the Movies

Hanns Zischler

France/Germany 2002

54 min, with English subtitles



For more than two decades actor Hanns Zischler searched through Kafka's diaries, letters and archives to explore the author's ambivalent fascination with cinema. The resulting playful essay film allows us the pleasure of seeing films Kafka saw or may have seen, including the one that moved him to the famous lines: "Went to the movies. Cried."

Inspired by Kafka: Joseph Kilian & Others

Joseph Kilian

Pavel Juráček, Jan Schmidt
Czechoslovakia 1963
38 min

Double Trial

Zdeněk Kopáč
Czechoslovakia 1962
12 min

Flat

Jan Švankmajer
Czechoslovakia 1968
13 min

Embark on a journey into the surreal and unsettling world of Kafka with *Joseph Kilian* and other cinematic masterpieces. Witness a young man's search for Joseph Kilian; appreciate Kafka's work as an artistic expression portraying a fear of modern civilization; and experience the terror of a man trapped in his Prague flat



CALENDER OF EVENTS

29 May	FILM The Castle	<i>Austrian Cultural Forum</i>
10 Jun	FILM The Trial	<i>Ciné Lumière</i>
13 Jun	FILM The Tenant	<i>Austrian Cultural Forum</i>
19 Jun- 4 Oct	EXHIBITION Komplett Kafka	<i>12 Star Gallery @ Europe House</i>
19 Sep 26 Sep 10 Oct	EDUCATION Special German Days Komplett Kafka	<i>Goethe-Institut London</i>
2 Sep-30 Nov	EXHIBITION Komplett Kafka	<i>Goethe-Institut London</i>
1 Oct	LITERATURE Completely Kafka by Nicolas Mahler	<i>Austrian Cultural Forum</i>
21 Nov	LITERATURE Magdalena Platzová: Life After Kafka	<i>Czech Centre</i>
Nov	DANCE Jan Komárek & Honza Malík: vInsectum K.	<i>Czech Centre</i>
Nov	FILM Kafka Goes Movies	<i>Goethe-Institut London</i>
Nov	FILM Inspired by Kafka	<i>Czech Centre</i>

LOCATIONS

Austrian Cultural Forum

28 Rutland Gate
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Goethe-Institut

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Ciné Lumière

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