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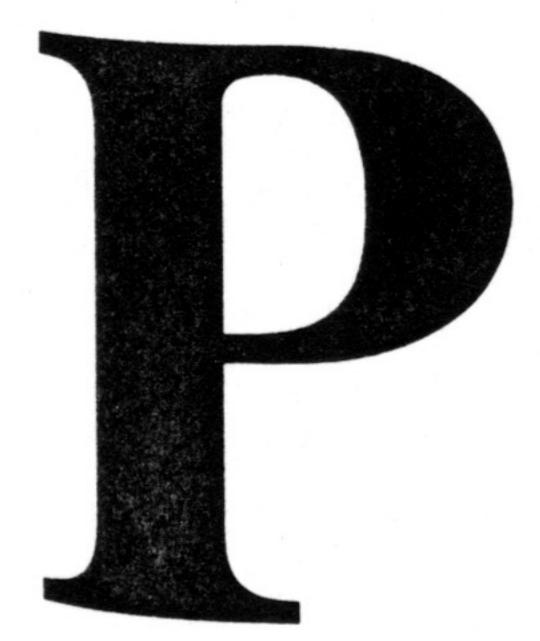
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Pabst, G. W. • Director; also actor, Screenwriter. • Born Georg Wilhelm Pabst, Raudnitz, Bohemia, August 27,

1885; died 1967. Educ. Academy of Decorative Arts, Vienna. Georg Wilhelm Pabst's greatest contribution to filmmaking is his not being limited by a dominant style. Though his films have been criticized for their lack of stylistic unity, rather than diminishing their impact, that eclectic approach pushed him beyond the aesthetic norm to break away from convention. This experimentation contributed to the evolution of the "Neue Sachlichkeit" (New Objectivity) in German films, a movement which rejected the extremist values of Expressionism for a less intrusive, quasi-documentary style.

Pabst began his academic career in engineering but his interests gravitated to the theater and in 1904, he entered the Vienna Academy of Decorative Arts. He made his directorial debut in New York in 1910 on a tour with a German-language theatrical troupe. Upon his return to Europe in 1914, he was detained as an enemy alien in a French prison camp, where he organized a theater company. After the war, he directed theater in Prague and later in Vienna. The German cinematographer and film pioneer, Carl Froelich, coaxed Pabst into filmmaking, offering him a job as assistant director.

In 1923, Pabst directed his first film, Der Schatz/The Treasure. His use of "chiaroscuro" and his ability to arrange physical objects in highly expressive (though seemingly objective) ways demonstrated his technical prowess. His next film, Gräfin Donelli/Countess Donelli (1924) was a commercial success but it was Die Freudlose Gasse/The Joyless Street (1925) which established Pabst as an important director. The Joyless Street is a gritty look at how the residents of Melchoir Street are affected by the postwar ills of corruption, prostitution and inflation. Among the film's accomplishments is its creation of a prototype for the naturalistic "street film" genre. One of the first directors to shoot on location, Pabst developed a photographic style that effectively depicted the stark realities of the streets. Among the cast of The Joyless Street was a young Greta Garbo; when Hollywood executive Louis B. Mayer saw the film, he recruited her to a contract with MGM.

Always fascinated by the human psyche, Pabst's next film, Geheimnise Einer Seele/Secrets of a Soul (1926) dramatized a Freudian case history. The extraordinary dream sequences, which utilized optical distortion and other special effects, were prototypes of surrealism. Die Liebe Der Jeanne Ney/The Love of Jeanne Ney (1927), with its undercurrent of modern angst, marked an important advance in Pabst's technique. The editing reveals Pabst's technical adeptness, the rapid cutting on movement occupying the viewer's attention on movement, thus making the cuts "invisible." This method, especially useful with reverse cuts, where a shift of speaker

logue cutting of sound film and accounts in part for why Pabst's silent films seem surprisingly modern today.

One of his most controversial films was Die Buchse Der Pandora/Pandora's Box (1928). Criticized for its inconsistent style and its blatant sexuality, including a lesbian scene, the film received a hostile reception. Recent critics have praised the film, especially Louise Brooks's performance as Lulu, whose primitive sexuality is heightened by Pabst's careful closeups. Pabst's masterful direction of actors, especially women, inspired provocative, remarkable performances in many of his films.

The coming of sound further enhanced Pabst's artistry. His ingenuity with the new technology is especially evident in Westfront 1918 (1930) and Kameradschaft/Comradeship (1931).

Although he continued to work in film into the 1950s, making movies in France, Austria, the United States and Italy, as well his native Germany, Pabst is best known for his early work. In general, Pabst refused to be defined. His constant drive to experiment reflected his restless vision, a vision which has influenced other directors and produced an inspired body of work. MCJ • Der Schatz/The Treasure 1923 (d); Gräfin Donelli 1924 (d); Die Freudlose gasse/The Joyless Street 1925 (d); Geheimnisse einer Seele/Secrets of a Soul 1926 (d); Die Liebe der Jeanne Ney/The Love of Jeanne Ney 1927 (d); Abwege/Begierde/Crisis/Desire 1928 (d); Buchse der Pandora/Pandora's Box 1928 (d,sc); Das Tagebuch einer Verlorenen/Diary of a Lost Girl 1929 (d,p); Die Weisse Hölle Piz Palü/The White Hell of Piz Palü 1929 (d); Westfront 1918/Comrades of 1918 1930 (d); Die Dreigroschenoper/The Threepenny Opera 1931 (d); Kameradschaft/Comradeship 1931 (d); L'Atlantide/Die Herrin von Atlantis 1932 (d); Don Quichotte/Don Quixote 1933 (d); De Haut en bas 1933 (d); A Modern Hero 1934 (d); Mademoiselle Docteur/Street of Shadows/Spies from Salonika 1936 (d); Le Drame de Shanghai 1937 (d); Jeunes filles en détresse 1939 (d); Paracelsus 1943 (d,sc); Der Prozess/The Trial 1947 (d); Geheimnisvolle Tiefen/Mysterious Shadows 1949 (d); La Voce del Silenzio/The Voice of Silence 1952 (d); Cose da Pazzi/Droll Stories 1953 (d); Das Bekenntnis der Ina Kahr/Afraid to Love 1954 (d); Der letzte Akt/The Last Ten Days/Ten Days to Die 1955 (d); Es Geschah am 20 Juli/The Jackboot Mutiny 1956 (d); Rosen Für Bettina/Ballerina 1956 (d); Durch die Wälder, durch di Auen 1956 (d).

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