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Kai Schuhmann
Friedel von Wangenheim
Gerd Lukas Storzer
Olaf Drauschke
Tima die Göttliche
Ben Becker
Meret Becker
Otto Sander
Wolfgang Völz
in a film by

**Rosa von
Praunheim**



The Einstein of Sex

The Life and Work of Doctor Magnus Hirschfeld

The Einstein of Sex is a dramatic feature film about the once world-famous sexologist Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld, a Jewish gay socialist. In 1897 Hirschfeld founded the first political gay group in the History.

Also in Berlin he opened his Institute of Sexual Science in 1920, which remains unique and was highly regarded throughout the world. In 1933 the Nazis destroyed his life's work. He died in exile in France in 1935.

The Einstein of Sex

Germany, 1999; 35mm, feature, colour, 16:9, 98 min., optical sound, stereo. English subtitled version available.



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The film reveals Hirschfeld through the major figures in his life: from the unfulfilled love affair with Baron von Teschenberg to the happy years with young Karl Giese; from his struggle with his major gay opponent, right-wing writer Adolf Brand, to the presence of his guardian angel, the transvestite Dorchon, a character of wit and great courage.

The Einstein of Sex is what the American newspapers called Hirschfeld in 1931. When asked how he felt about that, Hirschfeld replied, "I think it is very good. But better would be to call him the 'Hirschfeld of Physics'."

The Einstein of Sex, Magnus Hirschfeld died on his 67th Birthday, on May 14th 1935 in the exile in Nice, France. Karl Giese committed suicide in 1938 in the formel Czechoslovakia, on the run from the Nazis. Dorchens whereabouts are unknown.

Up to now, all attempts to organize an equivalent institute for sexual-science have failed.

Rosa von Praunheim

Rosa von Praunheim was born in Riga, Latvia, in 1942. At the age of 10, he escaped to the West and then moved to Praunheim, a district of Frankfurt am Main.

He studied painting in Berlin at the Academy of the Arts and took his artist's name of Rosa von Praunheim in 1964, partly in reference to the pink triangle homosexuals were forced to wear in the Nazi concentration camps.

Living in Berlin, New York and Los Angeles, Rosa is a well-known gay, who has made over 50 films as the *enfant terrible* of the New German Cinema. Some of his best-known films are: *It's Not the Homosexual Who Is Perverse, but the Situation in Which He Lives* (1970); *Army of Lovers* (1971-76); *A Virus Knows No Morals* (1985); *I Am My Own Woman* (1992); *Transsexual Menace* (1996); *Gay Courage* (1998), among many others.

The Crew:

Screenplay: Chris Kraus,
Valentin Passoni
Camera: Elfi Mikesch
Producer: Rosa von Praunheim
Executive Producer: Elke Peters
Co-producers: Erik Schut,
Peter van Vogelpoel
Production Manager: Meike Kordes
Music: Karl-Ernst Sasse
Set Designer: Peter Kothe
Costume Designer: Doris Wolf
Sound: Lilly Grothe
Editor: Michael E. Shephard
Assistant Director: Ingo Taubhorn
Sound Design: Constanze Semeling,
Guido Schwarz

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