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France/Germany 1955 Sunday Evening, September 22, 1968, at 6:30

Production Company Gamma Films-Florida (Paris) and Oska Films (Munich) Director Max Ophuls Max Ophuls, Annette Wademant and Franz Geiger. Screenplay Based on La Vie Extraordinaire de Lola Montès by Cecil St. Laurent Dialogue Jacques Natanson Photography Christian Matras (Cinemascope, Eastmancolor) Camera Operator Alain Douarinou Editor Madeleine Gug Jean d'Eaubonne, Willy Schatz Sets Georges Annenkov and (for Martine Carole) Costumes Marcel Escoffier Music Georges Auric Sound Antoine Petitjean

Leading Players

Lola MontèsMartine CaroleCircus MasterPeter UstinovKing of BavariaAnton WalbrookJamesIvan DesnyLizstWill QuadfliegThe StudentOskar WernerMrs. CraigieLise DelamareMauriceHenri GuisolJosephinePaulette DubostLola's DoctorWilly Eichberger
and Beatrice Arnac, Hélèna Manson, Jacques Fayet, Daniel Mandaille,
Piéral, Willy Rösner, Friedrich Domin, Werner Finck, Gustav Waldau

New York Film Festival Retrospective Choice

Running time: 110 minutes.

This legendary film of the late Max Ophuls has not been seen in America in its original version since the First New York Film Festival in 1963. Its evocation of an age when the Grand Manner still ruled the world justifies the director's visual splendor. It all ends in a circus, with Lola Montès selling her presence to the multitudes, redeeming all men both as a woman and as an artistic creation, expressing in one long receding shot the cumulative explosion of the romantic ego for the past two centuries.

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