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ASYA

Ivan Turgenev's

Asya

Cast:

Asya
N.N.
Gagin

Elena Koreneva
Viacheslav Esepov
Igor Kostolevsky

Credits:

Director
Screenplay
From the novel by
Photography
Music
Sets

Josef Heifitz
Josef Heifitz
Ivan Turgenev
Heinrich Marajian
Oleg Karavaichuk
Vladimir Svetozarov



Story:

Veteran Soviet director Josef Heifitz (*LADY WITH A DOG*) has brought this tender Turgenev novel to the screen with the same care and respect for its literary origins as he had with Chekhov earlier.

It is a simple story of an inhibited, slightly stuffy Russian, travelling in nineteenth century Germany, who meets a lovely young girl travelling with her brother. Through sheer insensitivity he loses the girl and his one genuine chance for happiness. The final image is a poignant one of the man, now middle-aged, alone with nothing but the portrait of Asya to remind him of his fleeting brush with love and happiness.

A genuinely lyrical production, *ASYA* has superb performances from the two leading actors and leaves the viewer with a haunting sense of sadness and loss.

*97 minutes. USSR, 1977. Color.
In Russian with English subtitles.*

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