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Der Stadstreicher (1965)

Screenplay
Camera Operator
Production

Rainer Werner Fassbinder Josef Jung Roser-Film

Cast: Christoph Roser, Susanne Schimkus, Michael Fengler, Thomas Fengler, Irm Hermann, Rainer Werner Fassbinder.

Running time, 10 mins.; 16 mm, B&W.

Der Stadtstreicher (1965)

Wandering through Munich, a man finds a pistol in an alley. He tries to get rid of the weapon, in vain. Two men who have been watching him for a while finally take the gun away from him.

In this film, which was shot in autumn, Munich becomes a 'land of the soul.' The bleakness of the city and the discovery of the pistol induce fantasies of suicide in the lonely man. Stadtstreicher can be seen as Fassbinder's response to

his then favorite film, Le Signe du Lion by Eric Rohmer. Rohmer's film concerns a tramp who is going rapidly to seed in an almost empty Paris during the high summer holidays until he finally comes into an unexpected inheritance. While there is development in the Rohmer film, Fassbinder gives us only a snapshot. The before and after are left to the spectator's imagination.