

Wednesday, 19th April 2023
Studio 609, 7.30pm

Corsage

Austria/Luxembourg/France/
 Germany, 2022, 15, 1 hr 52 mins

Dir: Marie Kreutzer

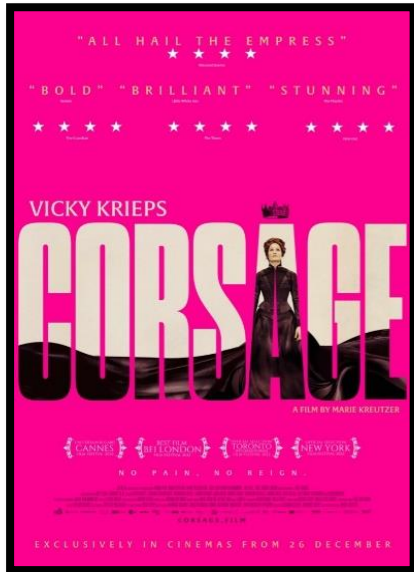
Writer: Marie Kreutzer

Biography, Drama History

On Christmas Eve 1877, Elisabeth, once idolized for her beauty, turns 40 and is officially deemed an old woman; she starts trying to maintain her public image.

Cast includes (selected)

Vicky Krieps	Empress Elisabeth
Colin Morgan	Bay Middleton
Florian Teichtmeister	Emp. Franz Joseph
Finnegan Oldfield	Louis Le Prince
Jeanne Werner	Ida Ferenczy
Tamás Lengyel	Gyula Andrásy
Manuel Rubey	King Ludwig II
Alma Hasun	Fanny Feifalik



Film Notes by Mike Darbon

Corsage is a 2022 historical drama film written and directed by Marie Kreutzer. It is a fictional account of one year in the life of Empress Elisabeth of Austria, who is semi-estranged from her philandering husband, and begins to act oddly as she nears her 40th birthday. The empress is renowned for her beauty and spends an obsessive amount of time measuring her weight, refusing to eat, and passing comments about her looks.

When asked how much of the film was real and how much was fiction, **Corsage's** director and screenwriter, Marie Kreutzer, said she could not tell in percentage terms because she could not remember exactly which parts were true and which were made up. However, the film's ending, and also the meeting between Elisabeth and Louis Le Prince, did not happen in real life. **Corsage** has been compared to Sofia Coppola's 2006 film, **Marie Antoinette**, due to its use of modern music and anachronisms, although director, Marie Kreutzer, doesn't like the comparison.

The film is an international co-production between Austria, Germany, Luxembourg and France and debuted at the Cannes Film Festival on 20 May 2022. Principal photography began on 2 March 2021 and the film wrapped on 7 July 2021. Filming took place right across Europe in Austria, Luxembourg, France, Belgium and Italy and principal locations included the Hofburg and Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna, and Eckartsau Castle in Lower Austria. Film & Music Austria, the country's Film Academy, decided that **Corsage** would be Austria's official submission for the 2023 Oscars in the International Feature Film category, though that honour was eventually won by Germany's epic World War I drama, **All Quiet on the Western Front**, which we cannot, sadly, bring to FILMBOX as it was funded by Netflix and is currently streaming on their platform.

Corsage was released in the UK on the 26th December 2022 and received positive reviews. Rotten Tomatoes website's consensus summarises **Corsage** as *"a refreshingly irreverent spin on period biopic formulas, further elevated by Vicky Krieps' terrific turn in the central role"*.

One final factual note about the real Empress Elisabeth is that she refused all portraits or photographs after the age of 40 to maintain her youthful public image. Like Dorian Gray, what we are left with is an image of a woman who wanted to be eternally young.

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Ireland/UK/US, 2022, 15, 1 hr 54 mins
 Dir: Martin McDonagh
 Comedy, Drama

Two lifelong friends find themselves at an impasse when one abruptly ends their relationship, with alarming consequences for both of them..

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Living

UK, 2022, 12, 1 hr 42 mins
 Dir: Oliver Hermanus
 Drama

In 1950s London, a humourless civil servant decides to take time off work to experience life after receiving a grim diagnosis. The script is by Nobel prize winning author, Sir Kazuo Ishiguro.



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