

An exile from his native land following the failed revolution of 1848, the impoverished Richard Wagner is in Zurich working on his opera *Tristan und Isolde*. There he meets Otto and Mathilde Wesendonck, ardent admirers of his music. Wagner's passionate and scandalous affair with Mathilde, whose poems he set to music, is explored in this feature film by director Jens Neubert. After their relationship ended, Wagner left Zurich for Italy, forever remembering Mathilde as 'my first and only love'.

A FILM BY JENS NEUBERT

# THE ZURICH AFFAIR

WAGNER'S ONE AND ONLY LOVE

Mathilde Wesendonck

**SOPHIE AUSTER**

Richard Wagner

**JOONAS SAARTAMO**

Minna Wagner

**JULIENNE PFEIL**

Otto Wesendonck

**RÜDIGER HAUFFE**

And Special Guest

The Singer

**MICHAEL VOLLE**

Music

**RICHARD WAGNER**

**LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN**

**FRANZ LISZT**

Original Music and Audio Producer

**TORSTEN RASCH**

**LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Conductor

**ECKEHARD STIER**

Pianists

**ANDREAS HAEFLIGER**

**ANNIKA TREATLER**

**HIROKO IMAI**

Editor

**JENS TOIVAKAINEN**

Director of Photography

**HARALD GUNNAR PAALGARD**

Producers

**JENS NEUBERT and PETER STÜBER**

Screenplay, Director and Set Designer

**JENS NEUBERT**

## EXTRA FEATURE

An introduction to the film *The Zurich Affair* with Michael Volle (spoken in English)



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