



Austrian Movie Night

Saturday, February 27, at 5pm

at the home of Christian & Pamela Donner
92 Green Street, Medfield, MA 02052

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Your contribution of \$10 per person for food and wine will be appreciated.



The White Ribbon (Das weisse Band) (Germany/Austria/France/Italy, 2009, Subtitles)

"It is customary to begin a review with a summary of the plot, but that isn't always easy with a Michael Haneke film. The White Ribbon is deliberately confusing, and we're never quite sure what's happening or why. It's set in a small German village in the run-up to the First World War and begins like a whodunnit, with the locals being terrorised by a series of anonymous criminal acts. However, it gradually becomes clear that the two policemen brought in to investigate are never going to solve the crimes.

Does this matter? Haneke pulled off a similar stunt in Hidden (2005), leaving the central mystery tantalisingly unresolved, and viewers of that film had a right to feel cheated because it was marketed as a conventional thriller. But few people will go to see The White Ribbon expecting all the story strands to be tied together. On the contrary, the wilful avoidance of narrative orthodoxy has become such a hallmark of the Austro-German director that his fans would be disappointed if The White Ribbon did come to a satisfying conclusion. In Haneke's films, the Mounties never get their man." [Review courtesy of The Times]

Haneke's film won the Golden Palm in Cannes and was voted best picture by the European Film Academy. "White Ribbon" also claimed trophies for best director and screenplay, and won the Golden Globe for Best Foreign Film.

How to find us:

From Route 128, take exit 16B (Westwood/Route 109). Follow Route 109 South for about 8 miles until Brook Street in Medfield. Turn right onto Brook and right again at the end onto Green Street. #92 is ½ mile up the street on your left (a yellow house with columns on the front porch). (25 min)

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