

HEART'S DESIRE

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Carl Th. Dreyer, Germany, 1924

75 min. | Feature



An elderly painter, Claude Zoret, adores the young pupil he has adopted first as a model and then as his son. Zoret watches helplessly as Mikaël drifts away from his exotic love into an affair with the even more exotic Princess Zamikoff. Driven to despair by the boy's unconscious cruelty, he shuts himself away as a hermit, gives up his will to live, and dies after leaving everything he owns to Mikaël. (Excerpt from "The Cinema of Carl Dreyer" by Tom Milne, published 1971).

Basic information

Credits

Festivals & awards

Original title	Michael
Danish title	Mikaël
Other titles	Heart's Desire, Chained
Director	Carl Th. Dreyer
Screenplay	Carl Th. Dreyer
Based on	Efter Herman Bangs roman "Mikaël" (1904).
Director of Photography	Karl Freund , Rudolph Maté
Composer	Karsten Fundal
Production designer	Hugo Häring
Appearances	Benjamin Christensen , Walter Slezak , Nora Gregor , Alexander Murski
Production country	Germany
Production companies	Decla-Bioscop
Domestic distribution	Dansk-Svensk Film
Technical info	1966 meter, 35 mm, 1,33:1, Black/white, Silent
Danish theatrical release	17.11.1924
Cinemas	Palads Uropførelse i Berlin 26/9 1924 i Ufa-Theater Kurfürstendamm

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