



Nibelungen, Part 1: Siegfried

(Nibelungen, Die, Teil 1: Siegfrieds Tod)

Germany 1924

Drama / Fantasy

Larger than life, built upon the Norse legends of the Middle Ages, and enhanced by the striking imagery of the German expressionist movement, SIEGFRIED is a monumental spectacle. In preparing the tale of Siegfried, Lang put to full use the cinematographic innovations and creative visions of the artists of Decla-Bioscop. The towering trees, treasure-filled caves, and seventy-foot dragon were constructed in full scale within the studio walls. The special effects artists devised innovative matte and mirror effects when the scope of action was too immense to be confined to an indoor set.

As a result, SIEGFRIED is as impressive for its suspenseful retelling of the 13th Century legend as for the technical wizardry that brought it to life seven hundred years later.

Siegfried is a young blacksmith apprentice and the son of King Siegmund of the Nibelungen. He sets off to the court of King Gunther of Worms to win Princess Kriemhild's hand in marriage. He encounters and slays a dragon and bathes in its blood, which makes him invulnerable apart from a small area on his back. Then he defeats Alberich, the treasurer of the Nibelungen dynasty. Knowing of Siegfried's successes, King Gunther promises the young adventurer Kriemhild's hand in marriage with one string attached. He requests that Siegfried help him win Queen Brunhild's hand in marriage. When Brunhild discovers that Siegfried and Gunther have deceived her she sends Hagen to kill Siegfried. While hunting in the Odenwald, Hagen shoots young Siegfried in the back with a spear. Princess Kriemhild swears revenge...



Director: Lang, Fritz
Music: Huppertz, Gottfried (1924)
Cast: Margarethe Schön, Paul Richter,
Hanna Ralph u. a.

Compositions:

Gottfried Huppertz 1924

Ensemble

stafflist

1/picc.1/ca.1.0. - 0.2.1.0 – tympani.perc.piano.harmonium – strings (5.4.0.2.2)

Duration

142

sync fps

20

Gottfried Huppertz 1924

large orchestra

stafflist

2+picc.2+ca.2.2. - 4.3.3.1 – tympani.3perc.harp.piano – strings (10.8.6.4.3)

Duration

142

sync fps

20

Huppertz 1924 / Strobel, Jovic 2010 1924

large orchestra

stafflist

1+1/picc.1+1/ca.1+1/bcl.2 - 4.2.3.1 – timp.3perc.hrp.pno - strings

Duration

147

sync fps

20

Gottfried Huppertz 1924 Adaption für two pianos by Olav Lervik and Christian Schumann (2011)

Ensemble

stafflist

2 pianos

Duration

