BOSTON PREMIERE

Berlin Alexanderplatz Restored
by Rainer Werner Fassbinder
(35 mm, 939 minutes, in German with English subtitles)

Thursday, March 27
7 pm      Episodes 1-3 (199 min.)
*Introduced by Laurence Kardish, Senior Curator of Film, The Museum of Modern Art, NY

Friday, March 28
2 pm      Episodes 1-3 (199 min.)
*Introduced by Laurence Kardish, Senior Curator of Film, The Museum of Modern Art, NY
7 pm      Episodes 4-7 (240 min.)
*Introduced by Roy Grundmann, Film Studies Director, BU

Saturday, March 29
2 pm      Episodes 4-7 (240 min.)
7:30 pm   Episodes 8-11 (240 min.)
*Introduced by Dr. Jane M. Shattuc, Associate Professor, Visual and Media Studies, Emerson College

Sunday, March 30
12 pm     Episodes 8-11 (240 min.)
6 pm      Episodes 12-14 (251 min)
*Introduced by Eric Rentschler, Department Chair & Arthur Kingskey Porter Professor of Germanic Language and Literatures, Harvard University

The ICA presents a newly-restored 35 mm print of Rainer Werner Fassbinder’s immersive epic, Berlin Alexanderplatz, one of two available in the world. This breathtaking, 15-hour-plus film, based on Alfred Döblin’s great modernist novel, was the crowning achievement of a prolific director who, at age 34, had already made 40 films. It follows the hulking, childlike ex-convict Franz Biberkopf as he attempts to become “an honest soul” amid the corrosive urban landscape of Weimar-era Germany. With equal parts cynicism and humanity, Fassbinder details a mammoth portrait of a common man struggling to survive in a viciously uncommon time.

Presented in 4 segments screened over 4 days, the film will be accompanied by a display of original posters from Fassbinder films along with quotes from some of today’s most renowned filmmakers.

Tickets: Each screening: $14 general admission; $10 members, students, and seniors. Pass for all screenings: $45 general admission; $35 members, students, and seniors. For tickets call 617-478-3103 or visit www.icaboston.org.

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