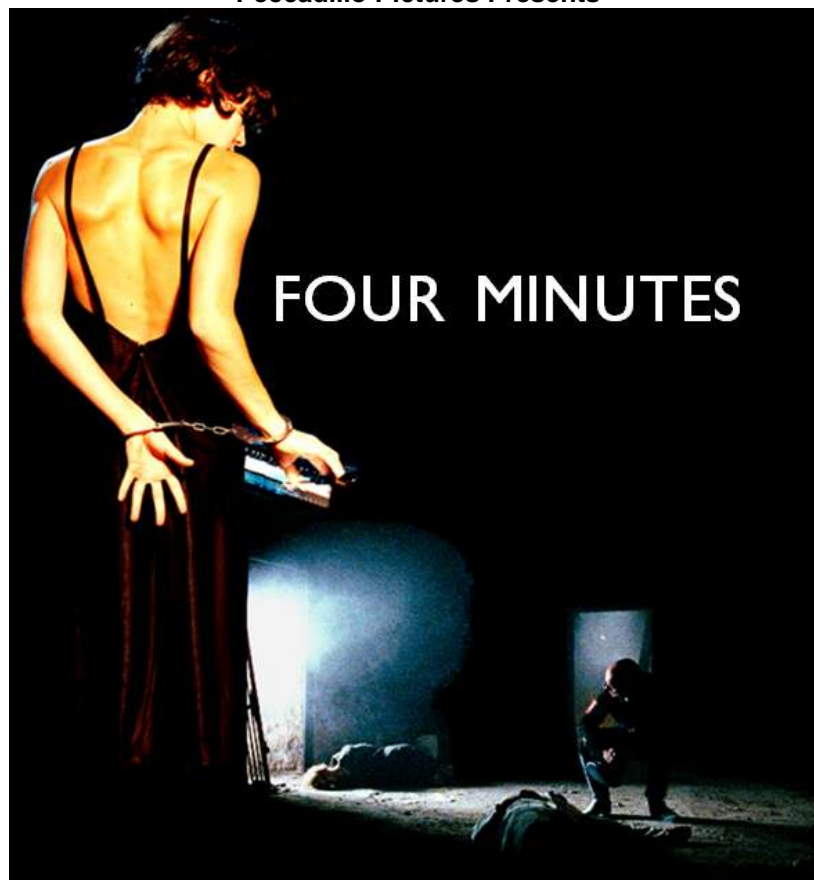




Peccadillo Pictures Presents



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A film by Chris Kraus

Release Date: 7th March / Running Time: 112 mins/ Cert: 15

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STORY

Tough young piano prodigy Jenny is serving time in a women's prison in Luckau, Germany. She meets her match in the elderly Traude, a Prussian woman who has been teaching piano to the inmates since World War II. But Traude's near-obsessive attachment to Jenny goes far beyond musical professionalism, becoming something much more fervid and intense. An upcoming pianist's competition is an opportunity not to be missed, and the pair plot a daring escape.

It all starts when Traude's efforts to bring a new concert piano into the prison spark a disastrous chain of events, and her life-long job as the institution's piano tutor is threatened. That's when she encounters Jenny for the first time: as volatile as a Molotov cocktail, a fireball that holds a tragic secret close to her heart whilst keeping all those around her at a distance. Now regarded by everyone as the worst of the worst, she was once a child piano prodigy before her fall from grace into a life of violence. Traude enters the nihilistic delinquent into a contest, and it becomes her steadfast mission to tutor her - no matter how dangerous the task may be - so she may regain her considerable talents. As the duo plan their intent to make it to the finals, it soon becomes apparent that, once there, Jenny will have only four minutes to prove herself, and no guarantee of freedom afterwards.



CAST & CREW

Monica Bleibtreu Traude Krüger
Hannah Herzsprung Jenny von Loeben
Sven Pippig Mütze
Richy Müller Kowalski
Jasmin Tabatabai Ayse
Stefan Kurt Direktor Meyerbeer
Vadim Glowna Gerhard von Loeben
Nadja Uhl Nadine Hoffmann

BETA CINEMA AND KORDES & KORDES FILM present FOUR MINUTES (VIER MINUTEN)

Written and Directed by Chris Kraus ---- Produced by Meike Kordes and Alexandra Kordes

Original Music by Annette Focks ---- Cinematography by Judith Kaufman

Edited by Uta Schmidt ---- Casting by Nina Haun ---- Production Design by Silke Buhr

Filed in Ludwigshafen, Oldenburg, Mannheim and on location at Luckau Prison, Brandenburg, Germany